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SLEW OF DEMANDS MESSES UP BSNL DIRECTOR'S VISIT TO PRAYAGRAJ

BSNL director Vivek Banzal is in the line of fire for making 'absurd' demands linked to his proposed Prayagraj trip. He now faces a show-cause notice

WANTED *SNAN* KITS FOR A DIP AT THE SANGAM

Banzal sought six male and two female *snan* kits for a dip at the Sangam, including towels, undergarments, slippers, combs, mirrors, soap, shampoo, oil and a bed sheet, for general use at the ghat. Hotel and Circuit House arrangements included toiletries, shaving kits, dry fruits, fruit bowls and towels. He also wanted a boat ride and visits to a few temples

UNACCEPTABLE IN NEW INDIA, SAYS SCINDIA

- The visit scheduled for February 25-26 was cancelled pending a full inquiry. Banzal (pic) is due to superannuate by September-end | **P12**
- Communications minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said an order like this is 'unacceptable' in new India, adding it flouts all rules and traditions and is 'beyond absurd'. Banzal became BSNL director in October 2018

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PERSONNEL HAD TO BE ASSIGNED TO FULLY MANAGE BANZAL'S TRIP

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NCERT to rewrite judiciary chapter after SC rebuke

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY & S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday took suo motu cognizance of the controversial chapter on 'judicial corruption' in NCERT's Class 8 social science book and expressed its strong displeasure, forcing the body to issue an apology and offering to rewrite the contentious text.

A three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi listed the matter for Thursday after senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Singhvi mentioned the matter for urgent consideration.

"This seems to be a very calculated and deep-rooted measure," the CJI said.

Justice Bagchi observed that the book seems to go against the basic structure of the Constitution.

Following the SC's strong remarks, the NCERT held a high-level meeting on Wednesday evening, which went on till midnight. After the marathon meeting, it issued a statement late in the night, apologising for the "inappropriate textual material" and its "error of judgement".

"It has been observed that certain inappropriate textual material and error of judgement have inadvertently crept into Chapter No 4, entitled "The Role of Judiciary in our Society"... The aforesaid error is purely unintentional and NCERT regrets the inclusion of inappropriate material in the said chapter," it said, adding there was no intent to question or diminish the authority of any constitutional body.

It clarified that the chapter would be rewritten "with consultation from the appropriate authority" and the revised book would be made available to students.

On Tuesday, the book was removed from sales by the Publications Division of NCERT. An official said the online version was yet to be uploaded.

The controversy was over a section in the text book on 'corruption in the judiciary' in a chapter titled *The role of the judiciary in our society*. While explaining the concept of judicial accountability, it notes that judges are bound by a code of conduct that requires them to remain fair and impartial and maintain integrity in their professional and personal lives.

When these standards are not upheld, the chapter said that the judiciary has internal mechanisms to ensure accountability. It also mentions that in serious cases, judges can be removed by Parliament through impeachment.

Book flags backlog

The chapter pegs the number of pending cases in the Supreme Court at 81,000, in high courts at 62.4 lakh, and in district and subordinate courts at 4.7 crore

Terror anywhere threatens peace everywhere, Modi tells Knesset

Says India's connection to Israel is written in blood and sacrifice; calls for diplomacy, peace

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday reiterated India's strategic partnership with Israel in an address to the Knesset and said "India's connection to Israel is written in blood and sacrifice" and "nothing can justify terrorism."

Becoming the first Indian PM to address the Israeli parliament, Modi framed India-Israel ties through the lens of shared security challenges and historical bonds. Recalling that more than 4,000 Indian soldiers laid down their lives in the region during World War I, he said the relationship was rooted in "blood and sacrifice", not merely diplomacy.

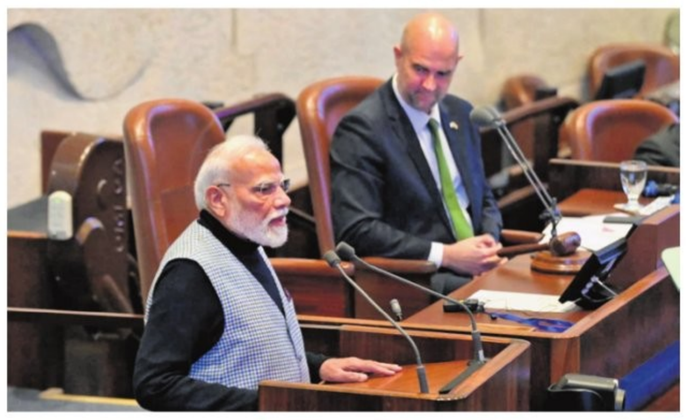
In a direct reference to the October 7 Hamas assault and the 2008 Mumbai attacks, Modi drew parallels between the two nations' experiences. "We feel your pain. We share your grief. India stands with Israel firmly, with full conviction, in this moment and beyond," he said.

"No cause can justify the murder of civilians. Nothing can justify terrorism," Modi asserted, underlining India's "consistent and uncompromising policy of zero tolerance for terrorism, with no double standards."

He warned that terrorism seeks "to destabilise societies, block development and erode trust," adding that "countering terrorism requires sustained and coordinated global action, because terror anywhere threatens peace everywhere."

Even as he struck a hard line on terror, Modi balanced his remarks with a call for diplomacy. "The road to peace is not always easy, but India joins you and the world for dialogue, peace and stability in this region," he said, expressing support for efforts that could lead to a durable peace, including in Gaza.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed the visit as historic, calling the partnership "an enormous multiplier of our individual powers". Terming Modi as "a great friend to Israel," he said their deep personal rapport reflected the strength of bilateral ties.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the Knesset, Israel's parliament, as Speaker Amir Ohana looks on, in Jerusalem on Wednesday | SHLOMI AMSALEM

'AMBITIOUS' FTA TALKS ON: PM

Modi outlined plans to broaden the economic pillar of the partnership, including talks on an "ambitious" FTA. "We are committed to expanding trade, strengthening investment flows, and promoting joint infra development." Referring to the Bilateral Investment Treaty signed last year, he said it would "provide confidence, predictability to our businesses"

Elevated to a strategic partnership in 2017, India–Israel relations have expanded significantly in defence, technology, cybersecurity and innovation. Modi's visit — his second as PM — comes amid heightened regional tensions, reinforcing converging geopolitical interests and deepening security cooperation between the two countries. The Knesset conferred the 'Speaker of the Knesset Medal', its highest honour, on Modi.

Solar cells to face 126% anti-subsidy duty in US

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE US has imposed a countervailing duty of 126% on imports of solar cells and modules from India, alleging that Indian manufacturers benefit from significant government subsidies. Similar duties have been levied on Indonesia and Laos.

Countervailing duties, also known as anti-subsidy duties, are tariffs imposed to offset the harmful effects of foreign government subsidies on imports.

The decision follows an investigation by the US International Trade Commission, which found that subsidised imports were causing material injury to domestic producers.

In parallel, the US Department of Commerce is conducting anti-dumping duty investigations into solar cell imports. The department selected two Adani Group entities – Mundra Solar Energy and Mundra Solar PV – as mandatory respondents. The case turned more adverse after both firms withdrew from the investigation and did not provide complete responses.

"This level of countervailing duty will shut the US market for Indian solar panel exports. That is typically the outcome when the US imposes countervailing duties – exports of the affected product from the targeted country become commercially unviable," said Abhijit Das, former head of the Centre for WTO Studies at IIFT.

EXPRESS READ

20 ABVP activists arrested for vandalism, assault

Bengaluru: Sarjapura police on Wednesday arrested 20 activists of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) for trespassing and assaulting security guards and a student, as well as vandalising property, on the Azim Premji University premises on Tuesday. The ABVP activists allegedly went on a rampage during their protest against a programme held on the university premises, which they termed as "anti-national" | **P3**

DIRTY MONEY

Vigilance officials count seized currency notes following a raid at the residence of Deputy Director of Mines Debabrata Mohanty (inset) in connection with a bribery case, in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday. Over ₹4cr cash was recovered | EXPRESS | **P7**

Protests pay off, state to fill 60k govt posts

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

AS pressure mounts and protests intensify for recruitment to government posts, the state government plans to fill up close to 60,000 vacancies and is working with various departments to finalise the exact number.

Hundreds of job aspirants came out on the streets in Dharwad on Tuesday, expressing anger against the government for not issuing job recruitment notifications. They had protested earlier, too. Sources in the finance department said they have agreed on large-scale recruitment. "We are fine with agreeing for more. We are working with departments to finalise numbers," they said.

Two months ago, the High Court of Karnataka had restrained the state government from increasing reservation under the Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of Seats in Educational Institutions and Appointments or Posts in Services under the State) Act, 2022.

"No further notifications for recruitment or appointments on the basis of increased reservation should be issued till the petitions are disposed of. Recruitments that have already begun may be continued, but appointments should be subject to the final outcome of the petitions," the high court had stated.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is likely to announce the recruitment process in his budget speech on March 6 | EXPRESS

Labour Minister Santosh Lad, who is also Dharwad District In-charge Minister, told TNIE that the state government is keen on filling up 56,000–58,000 posts. "The hearing is on March 3. Once we get clearance, notification for the posts will be issued," he said. Sources said CM Siddaramaiah, who is presenting his budget on March 6, may announce it in his speech.

Karnataka has more than 7.5 lakh sanctioned posts in more than 70 government departments, of which 2.84 lakh posts are vacant at present. On average, 25,000 posts fall vacant every year. For several years, successive governments have not taken up recruitment in big numbers for various reasons, including the Covid pandemic, financial implications, legal hurdles and other issues.

Kerala Story2

HC STALLS RELEASE TILL PLEAS HEARD

Kerala HC has posted the matter for final hearing on Thursday at 9.45am | **P7**

DKS: Guarantee schemes are a burden on govt

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ADMITTING that the Guarantee Schemes are a significant financial burden on the state exchequer, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said that the government, however, continues to implement them in the interest of the people.

Shivakumar, also the president of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, said at the launch of 'Kusuma Sanjeevini' on Wednesday that the schemes would continue to ensure people do not lose mental strength during difficult times. He said these welfare measures are designed to ease economic pressure on families and provide a sense of security. "These are meant to support vulnerable sections and ensure that citizens can lead dignified lives despite financial challenges," he added.

Shivakumar said the schemes are also a way to instill confidence and resilience among people. "Even though it may be a burden on the state exchequer, it is our responsibility to ensure that families do not feel helpless during crises. We want every citizen to feel empowered and supported," he said.

The logjammed state of infra projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA is among the fastest-growing states in the country. While the state continues to maintain robust growth, many key infrastructure initiatives, including airports, public transportation, and irrigation projects, have been on hold for decades due to procedural delays, lack of resources, and lack of political will to implement them in a time-bound manner.

HANGING IRE PART-1

In former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda's hometown, Hassan, a greenfield airport project that was launched 20 years ago is yet to be completed. The greenfield airport at Vijayapura cannot take off as the state government has not obtained environmental clearance.

In Namma Bengaluru, the tech capital of the country, the State Government is going ahead with the implementation of a tunnel road project despite opposition from experts and civil society. However, barring Namma Metro, not much progress has been achieved in mobility in one of the fastest-growing cities in the world. Irrigation and drinking water projects that could transform drought-prone districts are stuck due to various reasons, including environmental clearance and alleged fund crunch.

As Chief Minister Siddaramaiah prepares to present the state budget on March 6, TNIE does an audit of unkept promises by successive governments to remind the political class that planning without performance does not serve people's cause.

PROJECTS IN LIMBO: P4

KARNATAKA VS J&K

Cricket caught at silly point: Headbutting makes headline in Ranji final

TV grab of the headbutting incident involving Paras Dogra and KV Aneesh during the Ranji Trophy final between Karnataka and J&K on Wednesday | X

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

HEADBUTTING is relatively unknown in cricket. An act immortalised by one of the geniuses of world football — Zinedine Zidane, found its way on to the cricket ground in Hubballi.

Karnataka's batter K V Aneesh was born in 2001, the same year when domestic veteran Paras Dogra made his first-class debut. Almost 25 years later, the two crossed paths at the grandest stage of the domestic cricket—Ranji Trophy final — with the 41-year-old Dogra headbutting Aneesh on Day 2 with his team, Jammu and Kashmir posting 527/6.

The incident took place during the 101st over of the innings when Dogra awkwardly fended off a rising delivery from India pacer Prasidh Krishna. Soon after, he rushed towards Aneesh, who was stationed in as a close in fielder and headbutted him though gently. Aneesh was also wearing a helmet. Karnataka's experienced batter Mayank Agarwal also got involved with Dogra. Karnataka captain Devdutt Padikkal deciding to talk to the umpires. Apparently, Aneesh was commenting on the veteran's batting despite him scoring more than 10,000 runs in his career.

The J&K skipper tried to downplay the incident saying it wasn't a big thing after the day's play while the on-field drama brought back memories of the past to team's head coach Ajay Sharma. "It was just in the little heat of the moment. Not a big thing. Yeah, it is all settled now. That's (a hot day) a different thing and it was momentary. We started talking and chatting after that so it's all well," Dogra told reporters. He is set to be penalised by BCCI.

Former India all-rounder Sharma witnessed the scuffle from the sidelines when a past incident crossed his mind. It involved West Zone pacer Rashid Patel who chased North Zone opener Raman Lamba with a stump in his hand following an on-field altercation in 1990-91 Duleep Trophy final.

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• Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 19°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST
Broken clouds

Sunrise 06.37 am
Sunset 06.28 pm
Moonrise 01.34 pm
Moonset 02.01 am

'Tunnel road data-driven, meets NGT norms'

B-SMILE chief urges people to avoid criticism sand tech basis, says 4,168 pages of documents given to HC

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@Bengaluru

THE proposed North-South (Silk Board Junction to Hebbal) tunnel road project in Bengaluru is being executed through a completely data-driven approach and the project will proceed in adherence to all guidelines laid down by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), said BS Prahalad, Director (Technical), Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited (B-SMILE), on Wednesday.

Speaking at the 11th edition of the Biennial Concrete Panorama & Deminar 2026 organised by the Indian Concrete Institute, Prahalad said 4,168 pages of documents are submitted before the Karnataka High Court and the detailed records include technical data and assessments relevant to the project. "The project is going forward completely on a data-driven basis," he said.

He said the Adani Group is the lowest bidder for the tunnel works. The financial bids have been opened and are under evaluation by a committee of which he is a member.

Addressing concerns regarding the proposed alignment near Lalbagh Botanical Garden, particularly about potential damage to its plutonic rock formations, Prahalad said the issue has been adequately examined. "We have already conducted an Environmental Impact Assessment. If anyone raises specific technical concerns about possible impacts, we are open-minded and ready to adopt appropriate mitigation measures," he said. He added that he had visited Lalbagh three times to study the rock formations and that a detailed environmental management plan is in place. "We (officials) do not intend to harm the environment, we are citizens too," he said, urging everyone to avoid generalised opposition without a technical basis.

Terming the tunnel initiative challenging, Prahalad said Bengaluru is adopting proven technology used in Mumbai, but with improvements.

While Mumbai's tunnels are two-lane corridors, the city's project proposes a three-lane configuration, with one dedicated lane for public transport buses to encourage mass transit and reduce dependence on private vehicles, he said.

Prahalad outlined B-SMILE's broader infrastructure roadmap, which includes two major tunnel corridors – North-South and another one linking Nayandahalli to KR Puram (East-West) – with an interchange planned between them. Additionally, about 120 km of elevated corridors are proposed to radiate from the city centre to the outskirts over the next 24 months.

The projects will utilise Ultra-High Performance Fibre Reinforced Concrete to enhance structural efficiency and speed of construction. Financing will be mobilised through concessionaires and municipal bonds. With nearly Rs 1 lakh crore in infrastructure investments under way, Prahalad said the city's transformation must be rooted in sustainable engineering, innovation and expert collaboration to ensure long-term urban growth.

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> —BS Prahalad, Technical Director, Bengaluru Smart Infrastructure Limited

EXPRESS READ

RRI to offer a glimpse into its research on Feb 28

BENGALURU: Raman Research Institute (RRI), as part of its celebration of National Science Day on February 28 – a day that is celebrated across the country to commemorate the discovery of the Raman Effect by physicist CV Raman – will hold an Open Day event to mark 98 years of the feat. The institute will set up stalls that provide insight into the RRI's ongoing research across various groups and facilities, while also presenting key scientific concepts in interactive and accessible ways. The RRI has invited students from multiple government and private schools in Bengaluru and its surrounding areas to participate in the event. Visitors can interact with research scholars and engineers at the RRI and engage in hands-on experiments. Those interested can contact 80 2361 0122 for more details. **ENS**

Ward-wise GBA voters' list to be out on April 6

BENGALURU: The State Election Commission has extended the schedule for preparation of ward-wise voters' lists for the five city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), with the final electoral roll set to be published on April 6. The decision follows multiple complaints from political parties and members of the public regarding discrepancies in the draft voters' list published on January 19. During the physical verification, officials found instances of voters being listed in the wrong wards, interchange of voter details, and errors in polling booth room numbers. The release further stated that, invoking provisions under Article 243-ZA of the Constitution and the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024, the Commission issued a revised circular permitting corrections through the "From-To Matrix" process between February 16 and 20.A revised schedule has been drawn up, including publication of a revised draft roll on March 9, objections until March 16, and printing of the final ward-wise list between March 28 and April 4, ahead of the final publication on April 6. **ENS**

Presidency Univ hosts moot court contest

BENGALURU: City-based Presidency University's School of Law, in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission, recently organised an International Moot Court Competition on its campus. Former Supreme Court judge and former Lokayukta Shivraj Patil inaugurated the three-day event. Justice Patil spoke to the participants on the importance of being honest, hardworking and humble. A total of 44 teams from various institutions, including those from Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, participated in the competition. After five rounds of the contest, Tamil Nadu National Law University emerged as the winner, followed by MKPM RV Institute of Legal Studies and Tamil Nadu Dr Ambedkar Law University. Justice Venkatesh Naik Thavaryanaik of the High Court of Karnataka felicitated the winners, and Presidency University Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr Vidya Shankar Shetty and Dean Dr Saroj Sharma Bohra felicitated the guests. **ENS**

FORCED TO RISK LIVES

Leaves and chopped branches of a felled tree obstruct a footpath near JC Nagar Post Office in Bengaluru on Wednesday, forcing pedestrians to risk the traffic and walk on the road | VINOD KUMAR T

UNCLOGGING CITY

Suburban Rail to serve 19L commuters, take 40k buses off roads

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@ Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project (BSRP), once completed, will cater to nearly 19 lakh passengers and help remove around 40,000 buses from city roads, easing congestion, Lakshman Singh, Managing Director of Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE), has said.

The project will eliminate around 24 level crossings and integrate with 17 Metro stations, 22 railway stations, and the bus network wherever feasible, he added.

The MD was speaking while delivering a presentation on 'Building Tomorrow's Cities with Integrated Rail Network' at Concrete Panorama & Deminar 2026, organised by the Indian Concrete Institute, Bengaluru Centre, on Wednesday.

He highlighted that the Rs 23,342 crore project spans 148-km with 57 stations across four corridors — Sampige, Mallige, Parijata and Kanaka — collectively branded as 'Samparka', meaning connectivity.

"According to IISc data, the network is projected to carry 19 lakh passengers daily by 2027 if all corridors are ready," he said, adding that this would effectively remove nearly 40,000 buses from city roads, significantly easing the congestion," Singh said.

The presentation also added that the suburban network will integrate with 17 Metro stations, 22 railways stations and major bus depots, ensuring seamless multi-modal connectivity. Stations are being designed with universal accessibility, additionally installing solar panels, water harvesting systems and sustainable building practices that aims to reduce nearly 10 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually and harvest 22 million litres of water per year, he said.

A key highlight of the presentation was the design of the Yeshwantpur interchange, which will integrate suburban rail, Metro and Railways. The five-storey station will feature two basement parking levels and stacked corridors, with two suburban corridors running one above the other which will be a first-of-its-kind configuration in the city.

To enable high-frequency suburban operations, around 24 level crossings will be eliminated. In dense areas where conventional flyovers are impractical, K-RIDE plans to elevate Indian Railways tracks using innovative retaining wall and track-shifting techniques without major traffic disruption or large-scale displacement, Singh added.

East City Corpn forms panel to monitor flood mgmt

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@ Benglauru

AHEAD of the monsoon season, Bengaluru East City Corporation has constituted a flood management committee to implement comprehensive urban flood management measures and prevent waterlogging in the city.

East City Corporation Commissioner DS Ramesh said the committee was formed in view of increasing incidents of urban flooding caused by rapid urbanisation, obstruction to the smooth flow of rainwater, encroachments on stormwater drains, drainage issues, and gaps in emergency response systems. The committee will coordinate and implement pre-monsoon preparedness measures, supervise the cleaning and maintenance of stormwater drains, rajakaluves and underground drainage systems, identify waterlogging-prone areas, and develop permanent solutions. It will also establish an effective emergency response mechanism.

Picture for representation

Key functions of the committee include mapping flood-prone and vulnerable areas, removing encroachments that obstruct the natural flow of rainwater, deploying pumps and implementing temporary mitigation measures in water-logged areas, and ensuring prompt redressal of public complaints. The committee is headed by the Commissioner and comprises officials from the corporation and various departments, including Public Works, Bescom, Police, District Disaster Management Authority, South Western Railway and other departments.

Committee to monitor road-cutting, restoration

East City Corporation has constituted a road restoration committee to ensure quality repair of roads cut by various departments and agencies to lay electric cables, water pipelines, sewer lines, telecom cables and other infrastructure. Commissioner DS Ramesh said improper restoration works have led to traffic disruptions, accidents and deterioration in road quality. The committee is headed by additional commissioner and includes officials from various departments. Ramesh said all departments and agencies obtaining road-cutting permission must complete restoration within the stipulated time-frame and adhere to prescribed quality standards. He warned of penal action against agencies whose works do not conform to standards.

No relocation of sterilised street dogs

North City Corporation has urged residents not to relocate sterilised street dogs, stating that dogs operated under the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Act, 2023, must be released at the same location from where they were captured. The animal husbandry division of the corporation said that under the ABC programme, street dogs are captured humanely, sterilised by qualified veterinarians and administered anti-rabies vaccination. After post-operative care and recovery, they are released at their original locations as mandated by law. Officials said the practice helps maintain ecological balance, prevents the entry of aggressive or unsterilised strays, respects the territorial nature of dogs and reduces human-dog conflict. Complaints can be lodged through the helpline 1533 or email adyelahanka@gmail.com.

KIA inks pact on Europe-India cargo corridor

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@ Benglauru

KEMPEGOWDA International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru, announced on Wednesday that it has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Frankfurt Airport to facilitate and support cargo connectivity between India and Europe.

"Under the MoU, both airports aim to establish a structured framework focused on joint trade lane analytics, digital corridor development, pharma integrity standards and knowledge exchange to improve visibility, reduce dwell times and deliver more predictable service levels for cargo stakeholders," a BIAL statement said.

The agreement is contextualised by the EU–India Free Trade Agreement (FTA), aiming to facilitate faster market access, said Girish Nair, chief operating officer at BIAL.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

26th February : Retrograde Transmissions Mercury retrograde and berserk lunar antics have relationships shifting gears. Save the transmission by keeping things smooth and controlled. Always moving fast, always moving slow, always pushing or always withdrawing creates friction and burnout. Instead, tune into the other people and environmental elements so you can listen, adjust and respond in a larger context.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Just as it's easy to regard a cute child with love, you can notice your inner self affectionately. Self-awareness brings good fortune. You'll notice your patterns and interpretations without judgment.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Keep imagining yourself reaching a goal. You can envision this from many angles and really get into the feeling of it. The more you see it, the more real it becomes in your mind's eye and soon in everyone else's eyes, too.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
The uncertain task is before you. Until you get a few experiences under your belt, it's totally normal to be angsty about new circumstances. But with every step completed, you develop a stronger belief in your ability to handle challenges.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
It's one of those days when the body moves before the mind weighs in. There's a noble velocity to it -- bags grabbed, words already forming, attention fully oriented. Duty as muscle memory.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You'll make a sale, not because you're persuasive, but because what you have is a good match for someone who needs it. Your sincere desire is to help people out, and they can feel the truth in this.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
You have built much in your life, but some relationships can't be built so much as they'll be allowed and experienced as they come together in a way that can't be forced, only observed and accepted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Oh, the fascinating minutiae of an unfolding relationship. As much as you love an intellectual approach to getting acquainted, you're very much aware of multiple aspects and factors in play as you decide how this is going to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Even when people don't tell you what they want, you can usually figure it out. But today, not knowing makes you guess answers, some right (fun!) and others wrong (even more fun!).

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
To be in conflict is to be engaged. Don't forget that negative attention is still attention, and many find it preferable to the absence of attention. Remember that attention (regardless of what kind) is powerful in its ability to grow things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
The journey is long, and when you take it at a comfortable stride, you avoid missteps, injury and weariness. And though you can't stand it when others tell you to "relax," you will very much enjoy the message as a self-direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Aim your dreams to the clouds while working in the trenches. Groundwork is essential to your success. Not only does it give you a solid foundation, but it also gives you the wisdom to be an excellent steward of your rewards.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
You never know who is hurting or who can be helped or even saved by a little kindness. So you do it before it's an obvious need. You treat strangers with friendliness, loved ones with tenderness and yourself with the utmost love and respect.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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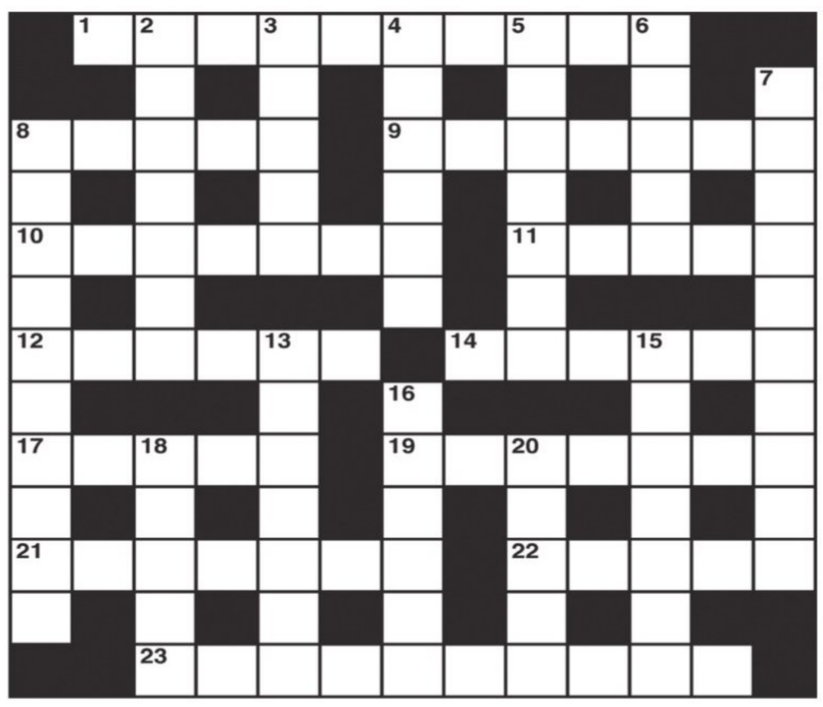

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Zest shown in dismantling a green pole (6,4)
8 No longer lie about being an outcast (5)
9 Deceive company? On occasion (3-4)
10 Make a striking contribution to the conversation? (5,2)
11 Used in transporting other metals besides gold (5)
12 Member with account to pay finally gets bequest (6)
14 Supply with power? (6)
17 One of the damsels I enjoy holding (5)
19 High-flown writings (7)
21 Can hide possibly even if confined to one area (7)
22 I rose perhaps in the basket-making trade (5)
23 Possibly a good tryer? That's somewhat disparaging (10)

DOWN

2 Attacking a girl in distress (7)
3 Relative said to be in the south of France (5)
4 Present amendment of net tax required (6)
5 No ore is refined in process of attrition (7)
6 Deceptively situated (5)
7 Success story? (4,6)
8 Official title of great merit (10)
13 Charwoman after a bath? (7)
15 Bizarre trip for a coal-burning vessel (7)
16 Pet greyhound? (3,3)
18 Dignified way to help (5)
20 Settle down in pole position (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Climbs, 4 Precis, 9 Regatta, 10 Goner, 11 Liege, 12 Estuary, 13 Grandparent, 18 Anthill, 20 Pacer, 22 Circe, 23 Animate, 24 Pestle, 25 Agreed.

Down: 1 Circle, 2 Ingle, 3 Bittern, 5 Right, 6 Contain, 7 Sprays, 8 Caterpillar, 14 Retorts, 15 Rapping, 16 Madcap, 17 Friend, 19 Ideal, 21 Crate.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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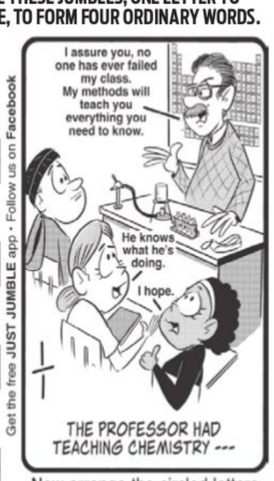
I assure you, no one has ever failed my class. My methods will teach you everything you need to know.
He knows what he's doing.
I hope.
THE PROFESSOR HAD TEACHING CHEMISTRY ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TRUCK AGAIN YONDER UNEASY
Answer: Dick Clark made the Times Square Ball Drop a beloved tradition — YEAR IN, YEAR OUT

On the proposed Agumbe tunnel road project, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that the government would engage with environmentalists to understand their concerns. "We will speak to them and find out why they are opposing the project," he said in Karkala, Udupi district

AZIM PREMJI UNIVERSITY ROW

20 ABVP ACTIVISTS HELD FOR VANDALISM

The accused, aged between 18 and 25, allegedly entered premises, assaulted security guards, a BA student

Black paint on the signboard of the Azim Premji University

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

SARJAPURA police on Wednesday arrested 20 activists of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) for trespassing and assaulting security guards and a student, as well as vandalising property, on the Azim Premji University premises on Tuesday.

The ABVP activists allegedly went on a rampage during their protest against a programme held on the university premises, which they termed as "anti-national". Police told *TNIE* that several activists were taken into custody on Tuesday evening, of whom 20 were later formally arrested following a complaint. The accused, aged between 18 and 25, are students of different colleges in the city.

According to the FIR filed on Tuesday by S Wilson (56), the university's security manager, around 25 ABVP activists gathered outside the university's main entrance, raised slogans, and waved the Tricolour after a post about a programme was uploaded on the university website. During the protest, the activists allegedly entered the premises and assaulted security guards and a first-year BA student. They also allegedly issued death threats to the security staff and smeared black paint on the signboard, besides writing slogans such as "ban SPARK" and "ban AISA".

The security personnel injured are Jagadeesh, Chandan Mahalik, Chitr Bahadur, Naresh, Sripathi and Harish. The injured student, Mohammed Ali Ahmed, is undergoing medical treatment. The college authorities said no programme, as alleged by the ABVP activists as to be related to an alleged rape by an Indian soldier in Kashmir, was held on the premises.

The Sarjapura police have registered a case under Sections 191 (rioting), 189 (unlawful assembly), 351 (criminal intimidation), 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) and 329 (criminal trespass) of the BNS.

Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said a seminar was being held at the university. "Whatever be the topic discussed at the seminar, no one has the right to interpret it in their own way and assault students. They have taken the law into their hands. There is no option for that, and action will be taken against them," he said.

Campuses are spaces for debates on national issues, opine educationists

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

CRITICISING the vandalism by Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) at Azim Premji University in Bengaluru on Tuesday, and their slogans terming students "anti-national", educationists and activists have backed college and university campuses as democratic spaces to hold discussions that are progressive and can help build intellectuals, scholars and researchers who can drive the country's growth in future.

Rajshekar VN, vice-president of the All India Save Education Committee (AISEC), said, "A majority of students who step into degree colleges are voters and will definitely have political opinions. Not just in India but across the world, student activism has helped in reforming society and the growth of the country. For instance, the American student movement in the 1960s against racial injustice, and Vietnam war gained widespread momentum. Debates and discussions in universities and colleges on topics concerning the nation and world are the soul of society."

Explaining how students in Bengaluru played a vital role during the freedom movement, he said, "Central College students who participated in the Quit India Movement in Bengaluru were martyred near Mysore Bank Circle. A stone column that exists even today was erected in their honour. There are several examples like Presidency College in Calcutta which became a citadel for freedom movements. In this instance, Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad vandalised APU even before the event took place, which they shouldn't have done. It is totally wrong. If they have a different point of view, they could have also arranged seminars and discussions around the same topic and exercised freedom of expression."

Developmental educationist Dr Niranjanaradhya said, "College campuses are democratic spaces and have all right to debate issues of national concern, contemporary issues and more. Freedom of association and expression is a fundamental right. Groups like ABVP doesn't have the right or freedom to trespass campuses and attack students for having discussions. Irrespective of the ideology of students, issues continue to hamper the growth of the country. If students don't speak or discuss, then who will?"

He also warned that such incidents of vandalism and physical attacks are dangerous to society, as it gives no place for healthy discussions.

"Individuals and institutions become wary, and avoid holding such events in public places or colleges. Organisations like ABVP and others might attack these individuals even outside campus. This is what happened with people like MM Kalburgi, Gauri Lankesh and others."

Govt won't tolerate lawlessness: Minister

Following the act of vandalism and physical attack by ABVP members at APU on Tuesday, Karnataka Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar said, "Who gives them the right to trespass and vandalise a private property of a private university? If they become aware of a particular debate or an event, they must inform the police by filing a complaint and abide by the law of the land. They cannot take the law into their own hands." Furthermore, he said, "If they inform the State Government and police, we will definitely enquire into it with the college authorities. The government doesn't entertain or tolerate questions or doubt the integrity of a nation." "Whatever action was taken against those protestors who went shirtless during the AI summit in Delhi, similar action must be taken here also. ABVP has been known to cause nuisance for people living around them," he said.

Siddaramaiah talks tough

In Udupi, CM Siddaramaiah warned that strict action would be taken against the perpetrators. "Those who take the law into their hands will not be tolerated," he said.

Registration must: APU

An APU spokesperson clarified that the university policy requires students to apply for permission to hold any academic and non-academic events on campus. Permission is granted on the merits of the event.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel douse the fire at a 40-year-old commercial complex near Chickpet Metro Station on Wednesday | VINOD KUMAR T

Major fire at complex near Chickpet stn, no casualties

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 40-year-old commercial complex with over 100 small-sized shops near Chickpet Metro Station was gutted in a suspected short circuit fire on Wednesday. No casualties have been reported in the incident. More than 60 shops are said to have been gutted. The fire broke out in Lakshmi Commercial Complex located on Kumbarpet Main Road in NT Pet.

The Fire Department deployed more than 14 fire tenders after the control room received a call around 7.30 am. Even though the fire was brought under control within five hours, operations went on till 3 pm. Fire tenders had a tough time to reach the spot due to the narrow lanes. The fire tenders had to park almost 500 meters away from Lakshmi Complex. The fire men had to use oxygen cylinders to fight fire. Hardware shops, fancy stores, plastic items shop, cloth stores, stationary shops, gift shops, bangle stores, readymade garments shops were either on rent or lease in the complex.

"The fire broke out in the hardware godown which is on the ground floor. The godown is said to be owned by Ravi Enterprises who took the premises for rent just a fortnight back," said an officer. Uday B Garudachar, MLA, Chickpet said the exact cause of fire needs to be found to prevent such incidents in future. Naveen Kumar, owner of Bharath Fancy Store on the first floor of the commercial complex, said that they are doing business in the complex for the last 30 years. "We have about 12 shops in the complex and all of them have been gutted. The complex is owned by one Vinod and his brothers. I got to know about the fire around 7.30 am," he said.

Firemen take a break after dousing the fire | VINOD KUMAR T

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal)

BESCOM invites tenders for the following Civil Engineering works through KPP Portal in **Two Cover System.**

Sl. No.	Tender Indent No.	Name of the Work	Amount put to tender in Rs. / EMD amount in Rs.
1.	BESCOM/ 2025-26/BD/ WORK_INDENT 999	Providing PUF roofing to the open area and other allied works in first floor of S15 sub division, BESCOM premises at Ittamadu, Katriguppe, Bengaluru.	Rs. 25.42 Lakhs / Rs. 51,000/-
2.	BESCOM/ 2025-26/OW/ WORK_INDENT 1040	Construction of solid block masonry compound wall to vacant land at Gubbalala & Toorahalli layout formed by Jayanagar co-operative housing society, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore of Jayanagar division, BESCOM.	Rs. 67.79 Lakhs / Rs. 1,36,000/-

Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **07.03.2026 up to 16.00 Hrs.** Last Date & Time for Receipts of Tenders: **11.03.2026 up to 16.00 Hrs**. Date & Time of Opening Technical Bid: **12.03.2026 at 16.30 Hrs**. Date & time of Opening Price bid: **Will be intimated after technical evaluation to the responsive bidder.**

The Details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through KPP Portal by visiting website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in on or after Dated: 26.02.2026.**

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BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Vidyaranyapura division, No. 582, 1st Main BEL Layout 2nd Stage, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru –97
No:BNCC/EE/VDP-D/KPPP/04/2025-26 **Date: 25-02-2026**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(TWO COVER SYSTEM)

(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)
The Executive Engineer, Vidyaranyapura Division, BNCC, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BNCC or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD /Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl No.	Name of the works
1.	Construction of Retaining wall and protection works at Singapura Gutta Land Slide and other flood relief works in ward No. 14 Kuvempunagara **Amount put to tender : ₹.82.26 Lakhs, EMD: ₹.2.00 Lakhs (Rupees 1.00 Lakh through KPP Portal, balance Rs. 1.00 Lakh in the form of Bank Guarantee)**

Calendar of Events: (1) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **09-03-2026** upto **4:00** pm.(2) Availability of Tender documents on **27-02-2026** at **4:00** pm Onwards. (3) Last Date of receipt of queries on **03-03-2026** upto **3:00** pm. (4) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders on **09-03-2026** at **4:00** pm. (5) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid on **10-03-2026** at **4:30** pm. (6) Date &Time for Opening of Financial Bid Will be intimated after obtaining approval for Technical Evaluation

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Vidyaranyapura Division, Zone-1

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NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER

Date: 26/02/2026

Request for Proposal

SALE OF SOLAR POWER ON LONG TERM BASIS THROUGH TARIFF BASED BIDDING UNDER OPEN ACCESS TO USERS FROM 115 MW SOLAR POWER PLANTS CONSTRUCTED AT VARIOUS INTERCHANGES ALONG HINDU HRUDAYSAMRAT BALASAHEB THACKERAY MAHARASHTRA SAMRUDDHI MAHAMARG

- RFP document can be viewed/downloaded from e-tendering portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in** from **26.02.2026 from 1200 hrs to 24.04.2026 (upto 1500 Hrs. IST)**
- Cost of RFP document is Rs. 50000 + GST which can be paid through SBI payment gateway which can be accessed through **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on **13.03.2026 at 1500 hrs**
- Last date of submission of RFP is **24.04.2026 (upto 15.00 hours IST).**
- Right to accept or reject any or all the RFQ without assigning any reason whatsoever is reserved with MREL.

Director
Mahasamruddhi Renewable Energy Ltd., Mumbai

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2025-26/7619 DATE: 24/02/2026

E-Tender Notification (Call-2 & Call-3)

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise e-Tenders Call-2 from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 work under head of account 3054-MDR Bridge maintenance and 2 works under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements, Totally 3 No. of works, Amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 6.00 Lakhs and maximum of Rs. 80.00 Lakhs.

Calendar of events fo the works at Sl No. 2 & 3:

1)Last date for queries & clarifications : 09-03-2026 up to 5.30 PM, 2)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 11-03-2026 up to 5.00 PM, 3)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 13-03-2026 at 4.30 PM, 4)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids",5)If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.

Calendar of events fo the work at Sl No. 1:

1)Last date for queries & clarifications : 10-03-2026 up to 5.30 PM, 2)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 12-03-2026 up to 5.00 PM, 3)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 16-03-2026 at 4.30 PM,4)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids", 5)If no bid received auto extension will be done by e-proc itself for 2 days.

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from kppp.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1942/KSMCA/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi.

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क्रमांक : CCE/ISDC/F.L./2024-25-18656-6378119 Part File (1)-7431726/683 दिनांक: 19/02/2026

NOTICE INVITING BID. 680 DATED 18.02.2026
Reference: E-BID No. 2026_DOCE_540093_1

Single stage two envelopes unconditional electronic bid (E-Bid) for Invitation for Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of Training Partners to conduct Foreign Language Certificate Courses at Government Colleges of Rajasthan are invited from eligible bidders as per the bid document up to 01.00 pm date 04.03.2026. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and http:/sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state. approximate value of the procurement is **Rs. 1,92,00,000/- (One crore Ninty Two Lakhs only)**
UBN No.: ECD2526SLOB00515

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WESTERN RAILWAY
Material Management Department
VARIOUS MATERIALS SUPPLY
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE No. S/10/2026 Date 20.02.2026

S.N.	Tender No	Short Description of items	Quantity	T.O.D.
71	26267021	Running Contract for One Year for supply of HVN-66 insulating Liner as per RDSO Drawing No. T-6938 to 6939	250000 Set	23-Mar-26
72	04253621A	Fire Retardant Curtain Cloth	16101 Mtr	23-Mar-26
73	26267019	Running Contract of One Year for supply of 10 mm thick CGRSP to RDSO Drawing No T-8528 Alt. 1	200000 Nos	18-Mar-26

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ಸಂ.: DPA/TP/CLU/90/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.02.2026

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Addressing concerns over recent elephant attacks in Chikkamagaluru district, CM Siddaramaiah said the population of elephants, tigers, and leopards increased leading to a rise in man-animal conflict. "We decided to install barricades in forest fringe areas on a large scale and will also constitute a task force to address the issue," he said

AIRPORT PROJECTS STRANDED ON RUNWAY

LACK OF RESOURCES DELAYS TAKE-OFF IN HASSAN

BR UDAYA KUMAR @Hassan

ALLEGED fund crunch and land acquisition woes have hampered work on the greenfield airport in Hassan under the UDAN scheme. Over 80 percent of works, including terminal building, air traffic control tower [ATC], runway and apron, however, have been completed.

The airport is coming up on 516 acres near Bhuvanahalli, 6-km from Hassan city. Former Prime Minister H D Devegowda had laid the foundation stone for the project in 2006. The then government had set aside 1224.16 acres, including 244.33 acres karab land, for the purpose. The project had envisaged an aviation training centre, MRO facility, inland container centre, golf course, hospitality and welfare, technology park, cargo terminal including huge cold storage to store agriculture and horticulture products before export. The state government later dropped the original plan of an international airport due to lack of interest and opted for a no-frill airport.

The project was later taken up under UDAAN scheme of the Union Aviation ministry. The project is also delayed due to the presence of high-tension wires passing across the airport site. The farmers of adjacent lands demanded huge compensation in advance to install the new towers on their land and the authorities finally shifted the towers taking the farmers into confidence.

The state government's alleged failure to release funds in time for the project is another cause of concern, said a source.

Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation [KSIIDC] has sought Rs 143.67 crore for fresh land acquisition for the construction of connecting roads between the adjacent villages, the airport and Hassan city. Sources say Rs 200 crore is still needed to complete the works attached to the airport.

According to members of the district Chamber of Commerce Industries, tourism would get a boost in the district after the completion of the project. Members of merchants association and retired government officials associations said the airport could have been completed decades ago if there had been political will. Krishnegoda and Bommegowda, two farmers from Bhuvanahalli, said the project should be completed at the earliest and authorities should provide jobs for locals who had handed over land for the project.

HANGING FIRE PART-1

VIJAYAPURA CANNOT SOAR WITHOUT GREEN SIGNAL

FIROZ ROZINDAR @Vijayapura

CAN there be a greenfield airport without environmental clearance? Despite completion of almost all civil works, the airport at Vijayapura cannot take off as the state government has not obtained environmental clearance. The issue is now in the Supreme Court.

The airport, coming up at Burnapur village on the outskirts of the city, has been envisioned as a greenfield facility that would improve connectivity to major Indian cities and catalyse economic growth in the region. However, the project's journey from conception to near completion has been marked by repeated delays, funding revisions, technical hurdles, and administrative challenges spanning nearly two decades.

The project was launched on December 7, 2008. Initially, the state government allotted around 727 acres for the project and handed it over to a private agency at an estimated cost of Rs. 100 crore. The agency later withdrew, citing non-feasibility and demanding additional land for developing a township; an offer the government declined as it violated the pact. This led to termination of the contract and stalled the project for several years.

Successive governments attempted to revive the plan, but technical glitches, funding constraints, and shifting priorities thwarted the plan. Even

the plaque installed at the project site during the early phase disappeared, symbolising the uncertainty surrounding the initiative.

The BS Yediyurappa government then revived the project by initially approving around Rs.220 crore, later augmenting the allocation to expand the airport's capacity so that it could handle larger aircraft such as Airbus A320 instead of only smaller ATR aircraft as originally planned. The foundation stone was laid again.

Under this phase, significant groundwork began, including land levelling, construction of a 2.65-kilometre runway, approach roads, drainage systems, and peripheral infrastructure.

The project later received administrative and financial approval from the state cabinet in July 2020, and contracts were awarded to construction agencies for different phases. Over time, civil works including the runway, Air Traffic Control tower, apron, isolation bay, taxi track, terminal building, electrification, water supply, and approach road were completed.

The new Congress government approved an additional Rs.270.83 crore to upgrade the airport so that it could accommodate Airbus A320 aircraft, introduce night landing facilities, and install advanced navigational and safety equipment. With this revision, the total project cost escalated to Rs.618.75 crore.

The additional allocation included Rs.65 crore for night landing infrastructure, runway shoulders, and land acquisition compensation; Rs.52 crore for constructing an approach road connecting the airport to National Highway-50; Rs 25 crore for procuring Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting vehicles; Rs.2.76 crore for baggage detection systems; and Rs.13.09 crore for Doppler VHF Omni-Directional Range equipment. These components were not part of the original design but became essential as the project scope expanded.

The project is now awaiting approval for the fire safety system. A team from Directorate General of Civil Aviation is expected to conduct inspections, after which licensing would be issued, if all conditions are met. The state government hopes to begin operations with daytime flights initially, followed by night services once additional facilities are installed.

24 Cong MLCs meet Kharge, seek ministerial berths

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DAYS after 31 first-time Congress MLAs wrote to the party high command urging it to make five of them ministers, a group of 24 MLCs have now put forth a similar demand.

A delegation of nine MLCs led by MLC Puttanna met All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi in November 2025, and presented a memorandum seeking adequate representation in the Karnataka cabinet by making five of them ministers. The delegation included Ramanji Gowda, Sudham Das, FH Jakkappanavar, Basanagouda Badarli, Bilkis Bano, DT Srinivas, and K Shivakumar.

According to informed sources, they met Kharge on the sidelines of a seminar in Delhi. The delegation had also met AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal, according to a party insider.

In both the instances, the legislators, mostly from the DK Shivakumar camp, have seemingly taken the initiative and also released the letters to the media now in order to escalate the issue of change in leadership, added the sources.

Puttanna, speaking to reporters on Wednesday, asserted that the MLCs should be made ministers so that they can effectively defend the government in the 75-member Upper House.

"Inadequate representation of MLCs in the cabinet creates a sense of disparity and discouragement among the Council members, leading to the perception that MLCs lack political prospects. This, in turn, prompts capable leaders to seek Assembly tickets instead of contesting MLC elections, causing factionalism and weakening the party organisation," they stated in the memorandum.

They suggested ensuring minister post to one MLC each from local body constituencies, from graduates or teachers constituencies, elected from Lower House or Nominated category.

They claimed that the MLCs have the influence of their own both as elected members, from 15 Assembly constituencies, and also nominated as experts from different fields.

Congress MLCs led by Puttanna met AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge in New Delhi in November 2025

DK camp to escalate power struggle before Budget session?

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

WITH the Siddaramaiah camp trying to project a Dalit leader as a contender for the CM post, if it's inevitable for the chief minister to step down, the DK Shivakumar camp is likely to escalate the power transfer issue before the Budget session.

They are planning to project Shivakumar as a leader next only to Siddaramiah in terms of popularity.

A couple of days ago the Karnataka Congress had posted an 18-second video on social media platform, X, depicting Shivakumar as a 'mana gedda janan-ayaka' (a popular leader who won hearts). In a comic video a doctor probes hearts of people only to find DK Shivakumar.

Meanwhile, more names including that of Industries Minister MB Patil are being floated as contenders for the top post.

Madduru MLA Kadaluru Uday on Wednesday urged the Congress high command to take a decision at the earliest. But RDPR minister Priyank Kharge hit back saying the high command will take the decision at an appropriate time.

Former cooperation minister Rajanna said the high command should first reward Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara with the CM post. "I wish Siddaramaiah to continue. But if there is a change of guard, a Dalit should become CM. If AICC president Mallikarjuna Kharge comes as CM we will be happy, otherwise Parameshwara should be rewarded", he said. Parameshwara defended Rajanna. "Is there anything wrong in it? If there is a mistake, let's know and we will fix it," he told reporters. He said there should not be a public discussion on the issue.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurates Dr BR Ambedkar Bhavan built at a cost of Rs 6 crore in Karkala on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Education must promote rational, scientific thinking, says Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah has said that even educated people are falling prey to superstitious beliefs. He was speaking after inaugurating the Kisan Sabha auditorium and attending the 35th annual day celebrations of the Mahatma Gandhi Residential High School at Kukkundur, Karkala taluk, in Udupi district, organised by the Kisan Sabha Trust on Wednesday.

He said there is need for education to promote rational thinking and scientific temper. "If education does not help us respond to social issues, it does not serve its purpose. Various schemes, including the guarantees, are implemented to ensure equal opportunities for all," the Chief Minister said.

"The government spends Rs 52,000 crore annually on the five guarantee schemes, benefiting people irrespective of caste and religion, and so far has spent Rs 1.20 lakh crore on guarantees. Along with guarantees, the government is also allocating funds for development," he said.

Further, he said that honesty in politics is rare today. "Caste and social inequality deprived people of literacy and cultural advancement. As Dr B R Ambedkar said, political freedom has no meaning without social and economic freedom," he said.

Former CM M Veerappa Moily said education, hard work, and patience are the three pillars to achieve success in life.

EXPRESS READ

Govt releases ₹300 crore aid to sugarcane growers

BENGALURU: The State government has released Rs 300 crore as financial assistance to sugarcane farmers. Minister for Sugarcane Development, Textiles and Agricultural Marketing Shivanand Patil said that as promised, Rs 50 per tonne of sugarcane would be released to farmers. Patil said CM Siddaramaiah had announced at a meeting in November 2025 with sugar factory owners and sugarcane growers, that an additional financial assistance of Rs 100 per tonne would be given, of which Rs 50 per tonne would be born by the State Government. The minister said that based on proposals submitted by sugar factories, funds would be released to deputy commissioners, who will make the payout to farmers' accounts, based on the quantity of sugarcane supplied. He said sugar factory managements have been instructed to pay their share of Rs 50 per tonne to the farmers.

Keen on allying with BJP in local body polls: Gowda

BENGALURU: Former PM and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda on Wednesday said that he is keen to align with the NDA in the elections to the rural local bodies. "We are a regional party, BJP is a national party, let's wait and see what decision they (BJP) have made regarding the pre-election alliance. We will all discuss together the issue of aligning with BJP in the urban local body elections," he told reporters at party office JP Bhavan. He said that Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy will hold discussions with the BJP's central leaders. On Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's allegation that Gowda would not give posts to anyone except family members in the JDS, he said that there is no need to respond to the allegations. "I have every memory. I will respond to each when the time comes," he said. He informed that a JDS convention will be held in Vijayapura on February 27. "I will do whatever needs to be raised in the Rajya Sabha, including the issue of irrigation in the state. I will meet the media even after my Rajya Sabha term ends," Gowda said replying to a query.

Will abide by top brass decision, reiterates CM

UDUPI: Amid the ongoing discussions over the change of guard and a possible cabinet rejig in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said that he would abide by the decision of the high command. The CM was speaking to reporters on the sidelines of his visit to Karkala in Udupi district. Responding to a query on first-time MLAs aspiring for ministerial berths, he said a resolution was earlier made not to appoint first-time MLAs as ministers. "However, there is nothing wrong in them expressing their desire," he said.

K'taka must set benchmark in transparent, time-bound recruitment: Nikhil

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JDS leader **Nikhil Kumaraswamy** said Karnataka must now set the national benchmark in transparent and time-bound recruitment.

"Telangana has modernised through technology. Uttar Pradesh binds itself to annual recruitment calendars. Maharashtra has legislated strict anti-cheating laws. Now, Karnataka must set the national benchmark in transparent and time-bound recruitment," he stated in a letter to CM Siddaramaiah.

"Karnataka's recruitment crisis is not of one government or one term. For nearly two decades, paper leaks, scams, cancellations, and ballooning vacancies have shaken the confidence of our youth. From KPSC gazetted probationer cancellations to police, PSI, FDA/SDA leaks, this is a systemic failure where every stakeholder shares responsibility. When nearly one-third of sanctioned posts remain vacant, and the vacancy rate has risen from around 24% a decade ago to over 33% today, we must admit this is a long-running structural problem, not a short-term issue. Instead of continuing blame cycles, this is the moment for reform," he said.

Govt working on fair recruitment, says DKS

DCM DK Shivakumar said the government is taking steps to ensure corruption-free recruitment across departments and shared that the matter will be discussed in the Cabinet soon and assured youth that plans are in place to fill vacant positions. He noted that many vacancies remained unfilled during the previous BJP government due to irregularities. Responsibilities have been assigned to KPSC and other agencies, and schemes like Yuvanidhi are supporting youth.

Govt committed to filling vacancies: Siddaramaiah

CM Siddaramaiah said the government is committed to providing employment and filling vacancies. He attributed the delay in recruitment to internal quota matters and assured that announcements would be made in the state budget. "We will provide jobs and fill all 2.5 lakh vacant posts phase by phase" he told reporters in Karkala.

Start recruiting, or will take to streets: Vijayendra

Karnataka BJP members warned Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that if the State government does not start the recruitment process immediately, they would take to the streets in protest. BJP State President BY Vijayendra demanded that the CM apologise to the people. "Though it has been close to three years since the Congress government came to power, Congress leaders continue to blame the BJP government. Congress had promised recruitment within one year. But nothing has been done," he said.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the alleged poor progress in several departments, Hassan District Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said government schemes and programmes are failing to meet expectations due to negligence and lack of commitment among officials

Brain-dead Mandya youth's organs save 6 lives

Scans revealed internal brain haemorrhage; liver, two kidneys, heart valves and other tissues were donated

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A 20-year-old youth from Chikka Mandya village in Mandya's Kasaba hobli saved six lives through organ donation after being declared brain dead at the Trauma & Emergency Care Centre (TECC) of Victoria Hospital in Bengaluru.

Darshan had met with a bike accident on February 22 and sustained a severe head injury.

Though he initially returned home, his condition deteriorated later that night and he was rushed to a nearby hospital. Scans revealed a massive internal brain hemorrhage, following which he was shifted to TECC for advanced care. Despite intensive treatment, he showed no neurological response.

A senior panel of doctors from Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute conducted the mandatory tests and declared him brain dead as per protocol.

After counselling by the state's Jeevasaarthakate organ donation facilitation team, the family consented to donate his organs. His liver, two kidneys, heart valves and other tissues were retrieved and transplanted into patients on the waiting list.

Hospital authorities said the transplants were carried out at government facilities, underscoring the growing role of public hospitals in organ retrieval and allocation.

EXPRESS READ

2 housekeeping staff extort money, held

BENGALURU: Two fake GST officials who had extorted a gutka vendor have been arrested by the police. They had created fake IDs as GST officials. The arrested are Nagaraj (37) and B Dadafir (35). They were outsourced housekeeping employees in the office of the Principal Commissioner of Central Tax (GST) Bengaluru West Commissionerate. The police recovered three fake IDs with the photograph and designations as Intelligence Officer- GST and CLTS along with Rs5 lakh in cash. The duo had staged a raid in a gutka businessman's office in Peenya in January and collected Rs5 lakh from threatening him.

Wife, son held in Belagavi murder case

BELAGAVI: The Kittur police station has cracked the murder of an unidentified man whose body was found dumped in an agricultural field near Hirenandihalli cross on the Kittur–Sangolli road this week. The case came to light on February 20 when an an unidentified body, was found lying in a maize field. The deceased was identified as Kalmesh Shankarappa Koti (50). Koti's wife, Kasturi Kalmash Koti, and son, Kiran Kalmesh Koti was arrested. Police said they killed him to grab property registered in his name.

HC lays down rules for I-T info sought by spouses

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THE Karnataka High Court has issued guidelines to be followed by the Public Information Officer or Central Public Information Officer of the Income Tax Department on handling applications filed by husbands and wives under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, seeking income-tax returns or financial records of their spouses, in connection with maintenance proceedings.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj laid down the guidelines on February 21 while partly allowing the petition filed by the Income Tax Officer and Central Public Information Officer of the Income Tax Department, questioning the order dated April 12, 2019, passed by the Central Information Commission.

While processing the application, personal information including under Sections 8(1)(e), 8(1)(j) and 11, the Public Information Officer should inform the applicant that the appropriate mechanism for obtaining income tax returns in the context of maintenance proceedings is through the competent court, and not through RTI Act. Further, the officer should provide the applicant with the name, designation and address of the Nodal Officer designated to receive and comply with judicial directions. Where the application discloses that the applicant is a spouse seeking information in connection with maintenance proceedings, the officer should specifically advise the applicant to file an appropriate application before the competent court.

The court clarified that these guidelines are gender-neutral. The pronouns used in the guidelines are only for convenience, and should be construed to include all genders, it said.

Suo motu powers of court

The high court said the competent court may, even in the absence of a formal application by the applicant spouse, exercise its suo motu powers to summon IT returns and financial records from the IT Department, where the court considers the determination of fair and just maintenance is not possible without such records. In such cases, court should record reasons for exercising suo motu powers, and give the assessee-spouse an opportunity to be heard before issuing the production order, the high court added.

JN Shamsunder (above centre)
Pavan Allada (left)

KARNATAKA PLAYERS SHINE AT CIVIL SERVICES CARROM CHAMPIONSHIP

Bengaluru: Bengaluru postal veteran JN Shamsunder, representing the Bangalore GPO under the Karnataka Postal Circle, won a gold medal in the Veteran category at the All India Civil Services Carrom Tournament 2025–26 held in New Delhi. Organised by the Directorate of Education and Sports under the Central Civil Services Cultural & Sports Board (CCSCSB), the tournament was held from February 17 to 24. Shamsunder outplayed competitors from across the country to clinch gold, marking a proud achievement for Karnataka's civil services fraternity. In another notable performance, Pavan Allada of the Central Tax and Customs Department, representing the Regional Sports Board, Bengaluru, secured a silver medal in the Men's Team Championship and a bronze medal in the Men's Singles event at the same tournament.

STRICT NORMS

DG&IGP mandates body cameras for passport verification

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DIRECTOR General and Inspector General of Police (DG & IGP) MA Saleem has issued a memo to all Commissioners of Police, District Superintendents of Police, and other unit heads, directing strict adherence to passport verification norms and mandatory use of body cameras during the process.

In the memo, it is stated that the passport verification process has been streamlined. As per the procedure, jurisdictional police officers must visit the applicant's declared place of residence to conduct verification. In cases of adverse reports, officers must gather substantial evidence, including inputs from neighbours.

Adverse remarks without tangible proof, particularly those intended to harass applicants or extract bribes, are strictly prohibited. Personnel have also been directed to stop summoning applicants to police stations for verification.

VERIFICATION NORMS

STATE POLICE CHIEF OUTLINES GUIDELINES FOR COPS

- Refrain from summoning passport applicants to police stations
- Conduct verifications only at the applicant's residence after prior intimation (via SMS or call at least 24 hours in advance), and record all interactions transparently
- Ensure all officers and staff on passport verification duty wear functional body cameras from start to finish

Unit officers must personally monitor compliance and submit weekly reports to the office

Any exception due to genuine operational constraints must receive prior written approval from the concerned Superintendent of Police

All unit officers have been instructed to ensure strict implementation of these directives. An Action Taken Report must be submitted to the office of the State Police Chief

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **M. Adinarayanachari and others** intends to purchase the immovable agricultural property bearing Sy. No. 70/3A2, measuring 1 Acres 30 (1 Acre 19 Guntas plus 11 guntas of Kharab), situated at **Srigandadakaval Village, Yeshwanthpura 2 Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** coming within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (now GBP) standing in the name of Roopesh H.N. Any person/s having / claim of any manner of right, title, lien or interest in respect of the schedule property may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned along with documentary proof in support of such claim within **15 days** from the date of this publication, failing which, my client will be advised to proceed with the sale transactions, as if there is no valid claims subsisting against the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Sy. No.70/3A2,** measuring **1 Acres 30 (1 Acre 19 Guntas plus 11 guntas of Kharab),** situated at **Srigandadakaval Village, Yeshwanthpura 2 Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** coming within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (now GBP) and bounded on : **East by: Tank bed and Advocates Association Layout, West by: Property of Eralingappa and Pillappa, North by: Property of Huchappa and South by: Property of Masthi Gowda @ Chikkanna.**

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IN THE COURT OF II ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU
LAC.NO. 204/2019

Between:

Thimmappa & Others.
Claimants

And

The SLAO, KIADB.(METRO).
Respondent

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO THE CLAIMANT No. 2

2. Sharadamma W/o late D.M. Annaiah Reddy, Someshwara Layout, Doddakanneli, Karmelram Post, Bengaluru-560035.

Whereas the above case is referred by the Respondent U/s 30 & 31 of Land Acquisition Act 1894 in respect of land acquired ID.NO. R6EL-33/2019-20 of Hulimavu, Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, SY.NO. 75/2 measuring 03.00 Sq.Meter the award amount has been deposited before this Hon'ble court. The above case has been posted **on 09.04.2026 at about 11.00 a.m.** The Claimant No. 2 you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or through counsel on the above said date without fail. If you fail to appear the case will be decided exparte.

Issued on 03.02.2026 with the seal and Sign of the Court.

By the Order of the Hon'ble Court
Senior Sheristedar,
City Civil Court,
Bengaluru.

Bengaluru.
Date: 20.01.2026

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KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION

Konkan Railway Corporation Limited has published Notification **No.CO/P-R/2C/2026 dated 20.02.2026** for the various post in Accounts Department on Contract basis through Walk in Interview. Details are as under:

Notification No.CO/P-R/2C/2026, dated 20.02.2026

Sr. No.	Name of Post / Grade	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	Total No. of Posts	Date of Walk in Interview
1	Account Assistant	2	1	1	0	0	4	10.03.2026
2	Assistant Account Officer	0	0	1	0	0	1	11.03.2026
3	Deputy General Manager/Accounts	2	0	0	0	0	2	12.03.2026
4	Section Officer	2	1	1	0	0	4	13.03.2026

Candidates may see the details of notification, eligibility criteria, etc. on the KRCL's website **www.konkanrailway.com** at the link ➔ Recruitment ➔ Current Notification and apply accordingly

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

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This autonomous Institute is a University established by the **Government of Uttar Pradesh.** Located on a sprawling 550-acre campus, the Institute awards its own degrees, which are duly recognized by the **National Medical Commission.** It offers DM, MCh, MD, PhD, post-doctoral fellowships and post-doctoral certificate courses, senior residency in various specialties, as well as paramedical and allied health sciences programmes, including College of Nursing courses.

The Institute presently has **275 faculty members across 37 academic departments** engaged in teaching, training, patient care and research. To ensure optimal healthcare delivery, non-academic support wings such as paramedical services, hospital services, engineering, and ministerial/secretarial services provide essential inputs to the management of patient-care services.

The Institute is in the process of recruiting various categories of support staff and anticipates receiving approximately **1,00,000 applications** for the said examination. To facilitate this, the Institute intends to **empanel Government Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)** for providing **Online Examination Services (Computer Based Test)** for conduct and processing of various examinations.

The Institute hereby invites EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) from interested Government PSUs for empanelment for **"Online Examination Services (Computer Based Test): Conduct and Processing of Various Examinations of Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow."**

The relevant documents regarding Scope of work are available on the Institute's website **www.sgpgims.org.in.**

The interested Government PSUs are required to send their proposals, addressed to the Director, to the Institute through Registered Post/Speed Post/Courier to the following address on or **before 10.03.2026, 05:00 PM.**

RSD Cell, Room No. 101, Administrative Block,
Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow-226014, Uttar Pradesh

The Institute shall not be responsible for any postal delay and will not entertain any proposals received **after the prescribed date and time.**

The proposal so received shall be duly reviewed by the Institute, and invite the suitable Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for Power Point presentation on fixed date and time, which will be communicated separately.

ADVT No. I/ 51/ Contract Cell/Online Exam. Various Services/2025-26 **DIRECTOR**

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA SCHOOL EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT BOARD
6th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003 Ph: 080-23349434
No: KSEAB/DPU/TS(AST)/1/2026-BSEC/91509 Dt:25.02.2026

SHORT-TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, hereby invites short-term tenders from eligible bidders for the **"Digitization of the valued answer scripts by way of scanning, converting into PDF & uploading in the KSEAB portal for the year 2026 2nd P.U exams"** through e-procurement portal only. Tender document (No: KSEAB/2025-26/SE0021/Call-2) may be downloaded from website **https://kseab.karnataka.gov.in** and **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Tender commences on **25.02.2026** and the last date for submission **04.03.2026 at 4.30 PM.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **27.02.2026 at 11.00 AM.** Technical bid opening on **05.03.2026 at 4.31 PM.** Commercial Bid Opening on **10.03.2026.** The tender approximate value is **Rs. 10,37,400/-** & EMD amount is **Rs. 20,748/-.** For more information contact KSEAB during the office hours.

Sd/- Secretary, KSEAB

FORM NO. 14
[See Regulation 33(2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPTT. OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - 2, BENGALURU
Jeevan Mangal Building (2nd Floor), No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru - 560 025.

RC No. : 728 / 2019

The Federal Bank Ltd.
K.M. Plaza, Kanakapura Main Road,
30th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar,
Bangalore - 560082. **... Certificate Holder Bank**
Versus
Mr. Amaresh E.B. And Another **... Certified Debtor / Defendants**

DEMAND NOTICE

1. Mr. Amaresh E.B. S/o. Mr. Ema Gurumoorthy Balakrishna
No. 246/1, 1st Floor, 9th Cross, N.R. Colony, Bangalore - 560 019.
Also At : Flat Bearing No. G-01 & G-24, Ground Floor,
"Nisarga Keethana", Chandapura Village, Attibele (H),
Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560081.
2. Mrs. Lakshmi Amaresh W/o Mr. Amaresh
No. 246/1, 1st Floor, 9th Cross, N.R. Colony, Bangalore - 560 019.
Also At : Flat Bearing No. G-01 & G-24, Ground Floor,
"Nisarga Keethana", Chandapura Village, Attibele (H),
Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560081.
... Certified Debtor / Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **T.A. / 871 / 2017** passed by the **Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore On 28-07-2018 an Amount of Rs. 33,36,734/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakh(s) Thirty Six Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date failing of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In addition to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **22nd day of October 2019.**

Recovery Officer - 2
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 2
Bangalore

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below.

: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Abhilash Mahadev- K Vijayalakshmi Ammal/ LBBNG00006081135/ TBKOM00006681878 / LBKOM00006685533 / LBKOM00006097039	As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All Parts And Parcels In Property of 02 Are In Sy No. 50/12/4, Resy No. 237/11/20, Block No. 3, Chennithala-Thripperumthura Panchayath , Chennithala Village , Mavelikkara Taluk , Alappuzha Dist. Bounded By: North: Pathway South: Property of Harikumar East: Panchayath Road West: Property of Sandhamma Date of Physical Possession: 21/02/2026	October 24, 2024 Rs. 52,78,416.42/-	Kottayam/ Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: February 26, 2026
Place: Banaglore

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
Head Office: Bangalore

ARM-1 Branch,
2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower,
M.G. Road Bengaluru-560001
Ph:080-25310066, E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable / movable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **16.03.2026 (10.30 AM to 11.00AM), for recovery of Rs.5544994875.44 (Rupees Five Hundred and Fifty Four Crores Forty Nine Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Forty Four Paisa) as on 24.02.2026** with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from (1) Scotts Garments Limited,** A Company Incorporated under the Companies Act, Having Its Registered office at: 481-B, IV Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore-560058.Represented by its Managing Director, Mr. Naseer Ahmed. **(2) Mr. Naseer Ahmed,** No, 391, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, 2nd Stage, RMV Extension, Bengaluru 560058 **(3) Smt Nuzhat Aisha Naseer,** W/o Sri. Naseer Ahmed No. 391, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main Road, 02nd Stage, RMV Extension, Bengaluru 560058. **(4) Sri. Awaiz Ahmed,** S/o Naseer Ahmed, No.391, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, 2nd Stage, RMV Extension, Bengaluru 560058. **(5) Scotts Plantations Pvt Limited,** A Company Incorporated under the Companies Act Having Its Registered office at: 481-B, IV Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore-560058. Represented By its Authorized Signatory, Mr. Naseer Ahmed **(6) COPPERS COINS REALTY PVT LIMITED,** A Company Incorporated under the Companies Act Having Its Registered office at: 481-B, IV Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore-560058. Represented By its Authorized Signatory, Mr. Awaiz Ahmed, Bangalore- 560 023.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited **on or before 15.03.2026 at 5.00 pm** by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer **Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch** or through online payment to **Account No.209272434 (IFSC CNRB0002366)** is as under. **(₹.In Crores)**

Lot	Description of the immovable	Reserve Price	EMD	Incre -mental Value	Inspection date & time
1	Industrial Land and Building at 481/A, IV Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Peenya, Sy No. 46, Nallakadaranahalli, Bangalore-560058. Land measuring 4,146 Sq.mtr (44,628 Sq.ft) with a total built up area of 1,65,000 Sq.ft.	32.25	3.23	0.25	10.03.2026 10.00 A.M to 2.00 P.M. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer
2	Industrial Land and Building at 481/B, IV Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Peenya, Sy No. 46, Nallakadaranahalli, Bangalore-560058. Land measuring 1874 Sq. mtr (20,172 Sq.ft) with a total built up area of 69,600 Sq.ft.	15.00	1.50	0.25	
3	Industrial Land at Sy. No 60. Sultan Thippasandra village, Now Called Shaheenshanagar, Railway Parallel Road, Kolar Town, Kasaba Hobli, Kolar District – 563101. Land measuring 32 guntas or 34,848 sq.ft.	4.70	0.47	0.25	
4	Industrial land and building at Sy. No. 30/1, 30/2 and 32/2 Sangodahalli village, Kondarajanahalli Panchayat, Chikkaballapura Road, Kasaba hobli, Kolar district – 563102. Land measuring 2 acre 29 guntas or 11,8701 Sq.ft	13.30	1.33	0.25	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or OR the service provider the service provider M/s PSB Alliance (Ebkray), e- mail: support.ebkray@psballiance.com, Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://ebkray.in/ may contact Chief manager, ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.080-25310066, 9483544116 and 8508442767during office hours on any working day.

Date : 25.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

The Mysuru City Police have cracked down on 105 property theft cases over the last six months, arresting 82 accused and recovering stolen property worth ₹2.96 crore. The recovered property includes 2.5 kg of gold ornaments, 5kg of silver articles, 57 vehicles and ₹10.03 lakh cash, besides other valuables

Already, four people lost their lives in tiger attacks; farmers continue to lose their crop, live in fear in fringe areas

Farmers take out rally, urge ban on safari

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mysuru

MEMBERS of the Federation of Karnataka Farmer Associations led by president Kurubur Shantakumar took out a bike rally demanding that the government stop safari activities inside the forest to protect farmers living in forest-fringe villages.

The rally commenced at the Gun House and culminated at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, with protesters raising slogans against the government's decision to restart the safari.

Addressing the protesters on Wednesday, Shantakumar said the forest department's own report indicated an increase in the population of wild animals such as tigers and leopards. "It is a known fact that when survival becomes difficult in the forest, wild animals move towards human habitations. They destroy crops and sometimes attack farmers, leading to loss of life.

Farmers launch an indefinite protest demanding closure of safari in Nagarahole and Bandipur tiger reserves in Mysuru on Wednesday

Due to this fear, farmers living near forest areas are hesitant to continue farming. Already, four people have lost their lives in tiger attacks, and farmers are suffering heavy crop losses," he said. He further claimed that during the period when safari operations were suspended in the forest, there were no incidents of wild animals harming people or damaging crops.

"This is something that must be seriously considered. However, after safari activities were stopped, resort owners inside the forest allegedly exerted pressure on the government to resume them," he said.

He warned that farmers would continue their protest until safari operations are stopped and resorts inside the forest are closed.

Activist takes PIL route, seeks crackdown on illegal resorts

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

THE ongoing opposition to the proposed reopening of safari operations in Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves has now taken a legal turn, with a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) being filed before the court challenging the move.

Ravi Kumar, an advocate, who is also a member of the Save Kabini movement, has approached the judiciary seeking directions to prevent the reopening of safari activities in both the tiger reserves. The petitioner, in his PIL application, a copy of which is available with *TNIE*, has contended that resuming safari operations would be in violation of existing guidelines and orders of the Supreme Court of India, particularly those relating to eco-sensitive zones, wildlife protection, and regulation of tourism activities in protected forest areas.

The advocate previously had issued a stern legal notice to the state government.

In the PIL, the petitioner has also raised concerns over the alleged proliferation of illegal homestays and resorts operating in and around the forest fringes of the Kabini region. It has been argued that unregulated tourism infrastructure is putting immense pressure on fragile ecosystems and disturbing wildlife habitats, especially in critical tiger corridors.

A boy gets a haemophilia shot during the inauguration Kusuma Sanjeevini scheme at the Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar are seen | EXPRESS

Panel alleges harassment, bribe demands by BEOs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Council of Preschools (KCPS) has alleged harassment and demand for bribes and expensive gifts by Block Education Officers (BEOs) from teachers and staff working in independent preschools across the state.

Pruthvi Banwasi, Secretary of KCPS, said norms for preschools have been altered abruptly, with the department allegedly attempting to impose K-12 norms applicable to primary schools on pre-schools.

"As per the old norms, independent pre-schools were required to furnish a three-year rental agreement. Under the new norms, they are being asked to provide a 30-year rental agreement. There were also no earlier requirements for land conversion into educational land. Pre-schools operate in two rooms of prescribed size as per department guidelines. However, norms meant for primary schools, including land conversion requirements, are now being applied to pre-primary institutions as well," he said.

Banwasi added that representatives met School Education Secretary Rashmi Mahesh and conveyed that it is impractical to obtain 30-year rental agreements or land conversion certificates, as most preschools do not operate from owned premises.

> **Norms meant for primary schools, including land conversion requirements, are now being applied to pre-primary institutions as well**
>
> Pruthvi Banwasi, Secretary of KCPS

"Many of these institutions function as day care centres, enabling parents to work and pick up their children later. We want the department to immediately restore public access to a functional and transparent registration portal," he said.

He warned that continued enforcement of norms "not applicable to pre-schools" could affect around 4.5 lakh women employed as teachers. "They currently earn between Rs 8,000 and Rs 15,000 for six hours of work and are financially independent," he added. Responding to the allegations, Vikas Kishore Suralkar, Commissioner of the Education Department, told *TNIE*, "We have received complaints from residents and other stakeholders that pre-schools are operating in small residential premises without proper permissions. They must comply with the prescribed norms. If there has been harassment, they should approach higher officials with specific details, and we will take action."

State launches free treatment scheme for haemophilia patients

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government on Wednesday launched the "Kusuma Sanjeevini" scheme, a major step toward strengthening care for people living with haemophilia, by introducing free preventive treatment and a dedicated 108 ambulance service for emergency transport. The programme was inaugurated in Bengaluru by Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar.

Haemophilia, a genetic blood-clotting disorder, causes prolonged bleeding that can lead to joint damage, disability, and life-threatening complications if not managed effectively. The newly introduced preventive therapy aims to stop bleeding episodes before they occur, marking a shift from reactive to proactive care.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said the government is committed to ensuring that no patient is denied life-saving care due to financial constraints. "Preventive treatment will help children attend school regularly, adults remain productive, and families live without the constant fear of medical emergencies," he said. He added that the therapy, which can cost up to Rs 5 lakh annually in private settings, will now be provided free of cost to eligible haemophilia A patients.

The minister also highlighted that the dedicated 108 ambulance service will provide free pickup and drop facilities, ensuring timely access to treatment, particularly for patients in rural and underserved areas. "Our goal is to move towards a 'Zero Bleeds' Karnataka, where people with hemophilia can lead safe, active, and dignified lives," he said. Treatment was administered to three children from Bengaluru living with haemophilia to mark the formal launch of the initiative.

Patient groups and healthcare professionals welcomed the initiative, noting that preventive care and reliable emergency transport can significantly reduce complications, hospitalisations, and long-term disabilities associated with the disorder.

Facing graft FIR, retd BBMP chief engineer ends life

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A 63-year-old retired chief engineer of the erstwhile Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) died by suicide at his Koramangala residence on Wednesday morning.

RL Parameshwaraiah ended his life by hanging, and his body was found on the ground floor of his residence in Koramangala National Games Village (NGV). His wife Mahalakshmi, who was at home, came to the ground floor in the morning to open the main door and saw her husband hanging from the ceiling fan. She immediately brought it to the notice of family members. Police are checking if the former engineer has left any death note. It is said he was suffering from severe mental depression after an FIR was registered against him in January 2026 by a central investigation agency in a Disproportionate Assets case.

Parameshwaraiah had held key positions, managing Mahadevapura and Yelahanka zones, as well as solid waste management.

He was also involved in infrastructure projects and lake rejuvenation. Ever since the FIR was registered, he is said to have isolated himself and was also reportedly consulting a psychiatrist.

"We have found out that an FIR was registered against Parameshwaraiah by a central agency as he and others were in possession of assets to the tune of a few crores, which were disproportionate to their known sources of income.

There was also a raid on his flat in NGV. During the raid, officials found property documents along with gold and silver ornaments. The officer had retired in 2021. We suspect that he took the extreme step, fearing developments following the FIR against him," said an officer.

Koramangala police registered a case of unnatural death and are investigating.

NEGLIGENCE

Six-month-old's fingertip severed during discharge; FIR registered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A six-month-old infant reportedly had the tip of his little finger on the left hand severed during discharge at Chinmaya Mission Hospital in Indiranagar, prompting the registration of an FIR.

The infant had been admitted with severe fever and a cold and was undergoing treatment till February 24. On the day of discharge, a nurse allegedly cut the baby's little finger while removing the IV dressing after completion of formalities and bill clearance. The child suffered an injury and was immediately taken to the hospital's emergency ward for treatment.

Indiranagar police said, "The baby's fingertip was cut during the incident. Doctors immediately performed a procedure to reattach it and have stated that it is expected to heal well over the next two months."

The parents have alleged gross negligence, stating that the injury caused severe pain and trauma to their child. They have demanded strict legal action against the nurse, the treating doctor, and the hospital administration. Police said they are investigating the incident and recording statements from the parents and hospital staff.

EXPRESS READ

IT/BT dept announces logo contest for BTS 2026

Bengaluru: The IT/BT Department is already looking ahead to Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2026. In its preparations, the department announced on Wednesday a competition to determine the official logo of this year's summit. Designers, students, technologists, founders, digital artists and visual storytellers are invited to create a logo reflecting Karnataka's global technology leadership and the history of the summit. Willing participants can visit https://bengalurutechsummit.com/logo-challenge.php to take part in the contest.

Dairy research institute holds meet on tech transfer

Bengaluru: City-based Southern Regional Station of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research–National Dairy Research Institute (ICAR-NDRI) held a meeting on February 24, aimed at promoting collaboration between research institutions and the dairy industry. ICAR-NDRI director Dr Dheer Singh underscored the institute's commitment towards transferring dairy technologies to its partners. Head of the station Dr Arindam Dhali delivered the welcome address. Joint director of research Dr Rajan Sharma presented an overview of technologies developed by ICAR-NDRI and their applications. Head of dairy chemistry Dr Rajesh Bajaj, head of dairy economics Dr Mondal and Institute Technology Management Unit (ITMU) in-charge Dr Pradeep Vishnu Behare were present.

Cancer, trauma centres will be set up in all dists

Kalaburagi: The state government has decided to open a medical college, cancer hospital, trauma centre, and a super-speciality hospital in each district in the next five years, and this is being implemented in a phased manner, said Minister for Medical Education Dr Sharan Prakash Patil here on Wednesday. Speaking with press persons after inspecting the ongoing construction work of Mother and Child Hospital in the premises of Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences here, he told press persons that the State government has sent a proposal for starting new government medical colleges at Bagalkot, Kanakapura and Ramanagar. He further said that the cabinet meeting held recently approved the construction of a cancer hospital in Bellary for Rs 330 crore.

IN THE COURT OF THE 2nd ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL, AT BENGALURU

G & WC No. 28/2026

BETWEEN: Sri. SANTOSH KUMAR, Aged about 49 years, S/o. Late Sri. Gulabchand Gupta, Residing at No. 14103, Prestige Lake Side Habitat, Varthur, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru-560087. ...**PETITIONER**

AND: Smt. MEENAKSHI GUPTA, Aged about 49 years, W/o Sri. Santosh Kumar, Residing at No. 2026, Prestige Lake Side Habitat, Varthur, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru-560087 ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the Petitioner above named has filed the above Petition under section 6(A) of Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, and Section 7 of Guardians and Wards Act 1980 praying to declare the Petitioner as Natural guardian of the minor child "Aditya Gupta" who is born on 09-03-2011 until he attains majority and to restrain the Respondent or anyone on her behalf from disturbing the peaceful custody of the Petitioner over the minor child.

The Hon'ble Court has fixed the date on **27-03-2026** at 11:00 AM for hearing the above said petition, hence, any interested person/s are hereby called upon to appear to before the Hon'ble Court on the said day and file their objection if any, in person or through pleader duly instructed, failing which the matter will be heard and determined as Ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 25-02-2026.

By order of the court, Chief Ministerial officer, Senior Civil Judge Court, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.

B.N. NAGARAJA, Advocate
#760, 16th Main, B.S.K. 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DODDABALLAPURA

ORIGINAL SUIT

(O.S) NO. 391 OF 2024

Sri. K. Muniraju, S/o late Kempanna, aged about 52 Years, R/at Hadonahalli Village, Tuabagere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk ...**PLAINTIFF** -V/s-

Sri. H.K Anand Kumar & Ors ... **DEFENDANTS**

DEFENDANTS NO. 2 TO 4

2. Smt. Netravati NS, Wife of H.K Anand Kumar, aged about 36 years, **3. Master Nishal Gowda HA,** Son of H.K Anand Kumar, aged about 15 years, **4. Kumari Chetanashree HA,** Daughter of HK Anand Kumar, aged about 13 years, Defendant No. 2 and 3 being minors represented by Natural guardian father Sri. H K Anand Kumar All Residing at Hadonahalli Village, Tuabagere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANTS

WHEREAS, the above named plaintiff has filed the above suit against the defendants for specific performance of the registered agreement to sell dated 21.06.2019 along with costs. Defendant No. 2 to 4 viz., **Smt. Netravati N S, Master Nishal Gowda H A** and **Kumari Chetanashree HA** are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above suit on **03/03/2026** at **11:00 AM.**, to answer the claim. Failing which you will be placed ex-parte and the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the property bearing Kaneshumari katha No 108 Assessment Register No. 73/1A, situated at Hadonahalli Village, Tubagere Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru measuring East to West 40 ft., and North to South 30 ft., into measuring 1200 Sq. Ft., with construction thereon having RCC roofed house measuring 23 ft., X 23 ft., into measuring 529 Sq. Ft. and bounded on the: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Gate and house property of Byrappa, **North by:** 4ft., passage and property belonging to H.K Manjunath and **South by:** Property belonging to Chikkanna

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Court on this 02/02/2026

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Prl. Civil Judge & JMFC, Doddaballapura.

Advocate for Plaintiff: **Vivek Raviprakash Spandana Law Associates**
312/A, 1st Floor, 1st Main, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru- 560070.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform and it is hereby notified the general public at large that my client Mr. Arun Vijayan, resident of #B715, Esteem Enclave, Bannerghatta Road Arakere, Bengaluru 560076, Mob: 9590377723, intend to purchase the immovable property as described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as Schedule Property from its owner Sri. B.Narayana, S/o. Basappa, resident of #1278, Begur, Kudlu, Bengaluru 560068.

If any person/entity including any individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a company, bank(s), financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and / or creditors, have any manner of right, title and interest or demand of any nature in or over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the supporting documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within 07 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing within any such claim/s or objection/s shall be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned for all intents and purposes and such claims/s or objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.4, 1st Cross Road, Arakere Gramatana, BTS Layout Road, Near Anjaneya Temple, Bengaluru 560076, EPID No.4364009539, coming under Ward No.193-Arekere, measuring East to West: 41-0 Feet and North to South: 33-0 Feet and bounded on East by: Property belonging to Gopinath, West by: Property belonging to Keshava Murthy, North by: Property belonging to K N P Narayanappa and South by: 25 Feet Road, comprising of old building thereon.

SANTHOSH CHACKO, Advocate
#99, 2nd Main, 1st Cross Behind Chavadi Hotel Sarvabhouma Nagar Bilekahalli, B.G.Road Bengaluru 560076
Mob: 9448008532 Date: 25/02/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that an Unregistered Agreement of Sale dated 03.04.2023 executed at Bangalore by : Mr. Duggineni Seshagiri Rao, S/o Sri Venkateswarlu, aged about 79 years, R/at Plot No.110, Sri Krishna Temple Lane, Bhagat Singh Nagar, Phase 2, Hyder Nagar, Kukatpally, Telangana – 500072 (Vendor)

In favour of : 1.Mr. Busireddy Subramanyam Reddy, 2.Mrs. Veeralakshmi Pavani Chakkirala,

in respect of the Schedule Property described hereunder, has been lost/misplaced and despite diligent search the same could not be traced.

The said Agreement relates to the sale of the following property:

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.63, Lotus Lea Layout, Grama Panchayath Khatha No.3/63, PID No.1503004012010016 5, formed in converted Sy.No.86/5 (Old Sy.No.86/2), situated at Hulluru Amanikere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring:

East to West : 12.47 meters (Northern side)
East to West : 12.23 meters (Southern side)
North to South : 9.14 meters
Total extent: 112.88 Sq. meters
Bounded by : **East –** Private Property
West – 9 Mtrs Road
North – Site No.62
South – Site No.64

The public is hereby cautioned that if any person(s), bank, financial institution, or third party claims to be in possession of the said original unregistered Agreement of Sale or claims any right, title, interest, charge, lien or encumbrance over the above Schedule Property based on the said lost document or otherwise, they are required to notify the undersigned in writing within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, along with documentary proof of such claim.

Failing which, it shall be presumed that no such claim exists, and the concerned parties shall proceed further in respect of the Schedule Property without any reference to such claims, and any such claim, if made thereafter, shall be treated as null and void.

This notice is being issued to safeguard the interests of the purchasers and to prevent misuse of the lost document.

Place : Bangalore **Date :** 25-2-2026
N Ravishankar, Advocate,
Krishna Kuteer Green House,Kannamangala Main Road, Bangalore – 560067
Email: adv.nravi1@gmail.com
Ph: 97318 93764

DOCUMENT LOST

I, **VED BIDRI,** residing at Bangalore do hereby inform to the general public that in between 26-10-2021 and 09-02-2026, I have lost the document pertaining to my property which were kept in my house, i.e. Sale Deed vide Doc. No. YAN-1-06432/2004-05, Book-1, CD No. YAND-64.

Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 09-02-2026, I had lodged online complaint at Police Unit: Bengaluru City, Vide Lost Report No. 2053535/2026. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on **9986739475.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposed to purchase the Schedule Property from Sri. Velu C. and Smt. V.Rani Both are R/at No. 114, 6th Cross, 10th Main Road, K.P. Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023.

That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities have any objections for the proposed sale transactions or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof within **(15) Fifteen days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of Property bearing No. 13, Khatha No.752/13, Old No.150/26/09/13, New No.6874/26/9/13, E-PID No. 9055814899, of Mahadeshwaranagar, Herohalli, Bengaluru, Earlier Site No.13, Khatha No.150/26/9, formed in Sy.No.26/9, of Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Now comes under BBMP Limits, Ward No. 72, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet totally 1200 sq feet along with building thereon with all civic amenities and bounded on: **East by:** Site No. 14, **West by:** 40 feet Road, **North by:** 30 feet Road, **South by:** Others Property

GIRISH, Advocate
No.29/30, 58th Cross, 4th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010.
Mobile:9845540992. Date: 25-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that **Mr. Ritesh Jain,** S/o Mr. Pawan Jain, and Mrs. Tia Jain, W/o Mr. Ritesh Jain, presently residing at Sobha Dream Acres, Panathur, Bengaluru, are the purchasers of: Apartment No. A3-01072, Seventh Floor, in the project "Sobha Dream Acres – Rain Forest, Wing 1", situated at Balagere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru.

The following original documents have been lost/misplaced : Original Construction Agreement dated 02/09/2015 executed at Bengaluru between M/s Sobha Limited (formerly Sobha Developers Ltd.) and Mr. Ritesh Jain & Mrs. Tia Jain.

Original Agreement for Sale dated 02/09/2015 executed at Bengaluru between M/s Sobha Limited in favour of Mr. Ritesh Jain & Mrs. Tia Jain, pertaining to Apartment No. A3-01072, Seventh Floor. The above said original documents were lost on 15/11/2025, between 11:00 AM and 02:00 PM, at Panathur, Bengaluru.

Despite best efforts made to trace the same, the documents could not be found. In this regard, a complaint has been lodged before the Karnataka State Police through the Lost Article Reporting System, and a Lost Article Report bearing No. 2075344/2026 dated 21/02/2026 (Bengaluru City Police) has been issued.

If any person has found the aforesaid original documents or has any claim, right, title, interest or objection in respect of the same, they are hereby requested to contact the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this publication. Failing which, it shall be presumed that no person has any claim over the said documents and further necessary steps will be taken accordingly.

Adv. Varghese Salvan P.S.
M/s Cannon Law Chamber
Advocate & Legal Consultant
209/1, 5th Cross, 2nd Main, Bellandur (V&P), Bengaluru – 560103 Ph: +91-9886934352

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

PROJECTS CIRCLE, COIMBATORE

Tender Notice

Short term Tender Notice No.21 /2025-26/SDO/Dated:24.02.2026

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu two cover system Item rate tender through **online** only will be received upto **14.03.2026, 11.30 AM** by the Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Coimbatore for the work under pertaining to **Coimbatore (H) Projects Division.**

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **04.03.2026.** If any changes / corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

Superintending Engineer (H),
Projects Circle, Coimbatore.

DIPR/1376/TENDER/2026

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INDULGE

The Erode District Fast-Track Mahila Court on Wednesday awarded 20 years imprisonment to a 36-year-old construction worker for sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl in Chennimalai in January 2021

RURAL VALOUR

Participants try to tame a bull during 'Jallikattu' organised by Khajamalai Jallikattu Peravai in Tiruchy on Wednesday | MK ASHOK KUMAR

HC directs 'Kerala Story 2' makers not to release movie

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

THE Kerala High Court on Wednesday orally observed that the producers of the film 'The Kerala Story 2 – Goes Beyond' should not release the movie until the petitions challenging its release are finally heard and decided by the court. The matter has been posted for final hearing on Thursday at 9.45 am.

Counsel for the producer submitted that the film is slated for release on February 27, and that its overseas distribution rights have already been sold. The court, however, remarked, "Do not make the entire issue infructuous. Let them not give out rights or proceed further before the court takes a decision."

Appearing for the producers, counsel contended that the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) is the sole expert authority constituted under the Cinematograph Act, 1952 to examine films in their entirety and certify them for public exhibition. The Board applies statutory guidelines and performs a quasi-judicial function. Its certification is not a mere administrative formality but a determination by domain experts that the film, viewed as a whole, meets the standards prescribed by law, counsel argued.

The makers further submitted that the petitioners claim to represent the collective dignity of the people of Kerala and have sought to quash the certification granted to the film on the ground that its title affects the reputation of the State. However, they argued that no individual has the locus standi to represent the entire population of a State in a writ petition challenging a film's certification. The petitioner has not demonstrated any direct, personal or legal injury distinct from the general grievance allegedly shared by all residents of Kerala.

The petitioners, on the other hand, argued that while the film depicts pan-India events, it uses the name 'Kerala' in its title solely to defame the State.

INSIDE THE COURT ROOM

Hearing: Thursday (9.45 am)

Judge: Justice Bechu Kurian Thomas

Film release date: February 27

WHAT THEY SAID

Petitioner : Film title intended to defame the State

CBFC counsel: Several films have been made using the names of Indian states such as Go Goa Gone, Once Upon a Time in Mumbaai and Delhi Belly

"You haven't even given an 'A' certificate. You've given U/A. The makers were not keen on screening it immediately & noted that there was a shortage of time to examine the matter"

—Kerala High Court to CBFC

"The plea was filed with a malafide intention and an ulterior motive to gain financial benefits from him. It is premature, misconceived and not maintainable."

—Vipul Amrutlal Shah, Producer

Societal faultlines still run deep in country, says SC judge Bhuyan

AGENCIES @Hyderabad

JUSTICE Ujjal Bhuyan of the Supreme Court on Wednesday said the country remains far from the benchmark of constitutional morality, and cited the example of his daughter's Muslim friend being denied accommodation because of her religious identity.

Justice Bhuyan, speaking at a seminar organised by the Telangana Judges' Association and the Telangana State Judicial Academy, said constitutional morality must outweigh public morality, "even if it is the majoritarian view." He also noted that although legal costs in India are relatively low compared to other countries, associated expenses, including lawyers' fees, make it nearly impossible for ordinary citizens in remote areas to approach courts.

He said constitutional morality is the benchmark the statute expects citizens to adhere to, adding that the Constitution's objective is fraternity and brotherhood. "The emphasis on constitutional morality is grounded in the premise that the morality we practise at home or within communities may fall short of, or differ from, the morality the Constitution expects us to uphold," he said. Such differences are particularly visible in matters of marriage and renting out premises, he added. He cited the example of his daughter's friend, a PhD scholar, who was denied accommodation by a landlady running a working women's hostel in Delhi because of her Muslim identity.

Referring to media reports, Justice Bhuyan cited another instance of parents protesting aggressively against a Dalit cook preparing food under the mid-day meal scheme. "These are just random examples-only the tip of the iceberg. They reveal how deep our societal fault lines run and show how far we still are from the benchmark of constitutional morality, even 75 years into our Republic," he said.

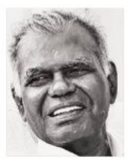
Referring to the Delhi High Court's judgment in the Naz Foundation case, he noted that the court held that popular morality and public disapproval are not valid grounds to restrict fundamental rights under Article 21. He said popular morality is distinct from constitutional morality, as the latter is rooted in constitutional values.

Red Salute: CPI stalwart Nallakannu dies at 101

S KUMARESAN @ Chennai

VETERAN leader of the Communist Party of India (CPI), **R Nallakannu**, widely regarded as an embodiment of integrity and selfless public service for nearly eight decades, passed away at the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital on Wednesday due to prolonged age-related ailments. He was 101.

Following the demise of N Sankaraiah in 2023, Nallakannu --- affectionately known as 'Comrade' or 'Thozhar' RNK among party members --- was the last surviving centenarian communist leader in Tamil Nadu who had worked for the party and welfare of the people since the pre-Independence era.



Leaders cutting across party lines, from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan to Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister MK Stalin, paid glowing tributes, reflecting the respect he commanded even among political opponents for his principled life.

In a post on 'X', Modi said Nallakannu would be remembered for his grassroots connect and his efforts to give voice to the underprivileged, workers and farmers. Radhakrishnan, who defeated Nallakannu in the 1999 Lok Sabha election from Coimbatore, said the leader had devoted his entire life to workers' rights, social justice and the advancement of the oppressed.

Expressing deep sorrow, Stalin announced that Nallakannu would be accorded full state honours. "Let us bid adieu to the comrade with full state honours and a red salute," he said on X. Recalling DMK patriarch M Karunanidhi's fondness for Nallakannu, Stalin quoted him as saying: "Though I do not have proper vision in one eye, I have another in my heart, that is Nallakannu." He also noted that Nallakannu shared a close friendship with Karunanidhi and stood shoulder to shoulder with him in protests against repressive laws such as POTA, ESMA and TADA.

Reflecting on his personal association, Stalin said Nallakannu always showed warmth and affection. "I made it a practice to meet him every year on his birthday and receive his blessings," the CM said. "No matter how many hardships he faced, imprisonment, torture and a life filled with suffering, he stood firm in his ideology.

Kerala health min injured during KSU protest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kannur/T'Puram

HEALTH Minister **Veena George** suffered injuries during a protest staged by KSU activists at the Kannur railway station on Wednesday, igniting widespread protests from CPM workers across the state. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan strongly condemned the attack on the minister, describing it as "heinous politics" by the Congress. However, Congress leaders refuted the charges, stating that the KSU activists were protesting in a democratic manner.

The incident occurred when the minister arrived at the railway station to return to Thiruvananthapuram after attending various inaugurations, including the International Ayurveda Research Centre in Kannur's Kalliad. Five KSU workers barged into the railway station, waving black flags and shouting slogans demanding the minister's resignation.

Veena suffered an injury to her neck in the scuffle that followed. Police personnel present at the scene swiftly intervened and took the protesters into custody. Veena was then taken to Kannur District Hospital, where she was admitted to the ICU for observation. The chief minister and CPM district leaders later visited Veena George at the hospital.

As per the Medical Board's decision, an expert team appointed by the superintendent of Pariyaram Medical College examined the neck injury and recommended that the minister should undergo detailed tests, including an MRI scan. She was later shifted to the Pariyaram MCH.

CBI busts online fraud network, seizes 3 accused across 6 states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) carried out raids across six states and arrested three accused in connection with a high-value "digital arrest" fraud case involving Rs 1.86 crore. The case pertains to the defrauding of a senior citizen from Kottayam district in Kerala. The accused are Blessin Jacob Abraham, Md Mushtaque and Md Junaid.

Investigators uncovered a complex network spanning multiple states, with indications of international linkages, the agency said. Searches were conducted at multiple locations in Goa, Bengaluru (Karnataka), Palakkad (Kerala), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Hyderabad (Telangana) and Delhi.

Digital devices, debit cards, bank account documentation, and other incriminating materials were seized. The CBI said Abraham, a mule account operator, was arrested in Goa. He is suspected of having played a key role in operating mule accounts and facilitating cryptocurrency. Mushtaque is the shell company operator from Nagpur who used the company account to receive proceeds of crime. Junaid, who was arrested in Bengaluru, was involved in procuring a SIM.

ED files prosecution complaint against Ranya

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Directorate of Enforcement (ED) on Wednesday filed a prosecution complaint against Kannada actor Harshavardini Ranya alias Ranya Rao, Tarun Konduru and Sahil Sakariya Jain in connection with a large-scale gold smuggling and money laundering case before the Special Court for PMLA cases in Bengaluru.

The ED initiated the investigation based on an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), New Delhi, on a complaint filed by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI). The FIR pertains to the interception of 14.213kg of foreign-origin gold, valued at approximately Rs 12.56 crore, from Harshavardini Ranya at Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, on March 3, 2025.

According to the ED, the probe revealed that a total of 127.287kg of gold, valued at approximately Rs 102.55 crore, was smuggled into India between March 2024 and March 2025. The smuggled gold was allegedly disposed of in the domestic market through a network of handlers and jewellers. The central agency stated that the sale proceeds were generated in cash and settled through hawala channels in India and abroad. The funds were subsequently layered and routed through multiple bank accounts and entities to project them as legitimate business transactions.

Search operations were conducted on May 21 and 22, 2025, at 16 locations in Karnataka. During the searches, officials seized incriminating documents, digital devices, Indian and foreign currency. Statements of several individuals were recorded as part of the investigation.

During the course of the probe, immovable properties valued at Rs 34.12crore, held in the name of Harshavardini Ranya, were provisionally attached.

₹4cr seized from mining officer's house in Odisha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhubaneswar/Cuttack

A day after arresting senior mining officer Debabrata Mohanty in a graft case, the Odisha Vigilance stumbled upon over Rs 4 crore in cash during a search at his flat here in Bhubaneswar on Wednesday. It turned out to be the anti-corruption agency's biggest-ever cash haul in the state.

Stacks of currency notes concealed in trolley bags and almirahs were seized from the residence of Mohanty, who was posted as deputy director of mines of the Cuttack circle. Vigilance officials said a total of Rs 4.27 crore in cash was unearthed from his flat in Bhubaneswar, and investigation is underway to find the source of the money. Mohanty was apprehended on Tuesday evening while allegedly accepting a Rs 30,000 bribe from a licensed coal vendor in exchange for ensuring the smooth operation of his coal depot and granting permission for coal transportation.

Following the trap, Vigilance officials launched simultaneous searches at multiple locations linked to him, including his rented residential flat at Nature's Crest Apartment in the Shree Vihar area of Patia in the state capital, his parental house at Mathasahi in Bhadrak district, and his office chamber in Cuttack.

During the search, officials also recovered 305 grams of gold and 600 grams of silver ornaments, along with Rs 1.20 lakh in cash from his office drawer and personal possession. A double-storey building on approximately 2,400 sq ft was also found.

HOW 900 KERALA FISHERMEN BECAME STATE'S SEA GUARDIANS

POOJA NAIR @Kozhikode

WHEN floods swallowed Kerala, and storms tore through the coast, rescue boats did not always carry men in uniforms. Rather, they carried fishermen. Long before official systems could mobilise, local fishermen cut through dangerous waters, rescuing families trapped in rising tides. Shobith K from Puthiyappa in Kozhikode district was one among those fishermen. When he first cast his fishing net as a teenager, he never imagined that one day he would be learning how to lift an unconscious body onto a rescue boat, secure a spinal injury victim onto a spine board, or administer CPR in the middle of open waters. Yet, on the final days of his training at the National Institute of Water Sports in Panaji, the young fisherman stands ready, not just to catch fish, but to save lives.

Fishermen undergo training to join the Sea Rescue Squad | EXPRESS

Shobith is part of the last batch of Kerala's ambitious Sea Rescue Squad (SRS) initiative, a mission that has trained 900 fishermen from across the state to become certified first responders at sea. The journey did not begin in Goa. It started back home. Shortlisted by the Kerala fisheries department with the support of the National Institute of Water Sports, Goa, candidates underwent physical screening and swimming tests in Kozhikode. Only those who met the standards, including completing a 100-metre swim within a fixed time, were selected and sent for the 15-day intensive programme in Goa.

EXPRESS READ

Auto driver gets 20 yrs RI for raping minor girl

MANGALURU: The Mangaluru Additional District and Sessions FTSC-II Judge Maanu KS sentenced a man to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment on charges of sexually assaulting and impregnating a minor girl on the promise of marriage. The convict Nagaraj Shivappa Duragannavara, 21, an autorickshaw driver from Bagalkote, was close to the daughter of a woman known to his mother and visited her house. Between February 25 and March 13, 2025, he took the victim to his rented house in Attavar and sexually assaulted her. As a result, she became pregnant, following which a case was registered at the Women's Police Station in Mangaluru. Inspector Balakrishna H N conducted the investigation and filed a chargesheet to the court. ENS

Kerala HC grants bail to LTTE operative

BHUBANESWAR/KOCHI: The Kerala High Court has granted bail to Satkunam alias Sabesan, an alleged operative of the LTTE, who was accused of attempting to revive the outfit to wage war against Sri Lanka. The court cited his prolonged incarce-ration and the constitutional right to a speedy trial while granting relief. According to the NIA, Satkunam is a Sri Lankan citizen who had been residing in Chennai as a refugee. He was allegedly an armed cadre of the LTTE in Sri Lanka and a member of the outer security wing of LTTE leader Velupillai Prabhakaran. He allegedly associated with other accused persons at various locations in Tamil Nadu with the intention of reviving the LTTE and furthering its activities in India and Sri Lanka to wage war against Sri Lanka. ENS

Water contamination: 1 dead, over 70 sick in AP

SRIKAKULAM: One person died and more than 70 people were hospitalised after allegedly drinking contaminated water in Srikakulam district, prompting the authorities to initiate emergency measures. On January 22, several residents of a colony in Srikakulam town suffered mild diarrhoea, following which surveillance and sanitation drives were intensified in the locality. "One person has died and more than 70 others have been hospitalised after allegedly consuming contaminated water in Dammala Veedi colony of Srikakulam town," Srikakulam District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) K Anitha told PTI. Water and other required samples will be collected and tested to ascertain the exact cause of the outbreak, while there could be multiple reasons for it, she said. PTI

Laddu row: Naidu blames YSRCP govt

MARKAPURAM: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday accused the previous YSRCP government of using "ghee adulterated with chemicals" to prepare 20 crore Tirupati laddus. He also questioned whether God forgive them for their alleged sacrilege. Addressing a public meeting at Markapuram, the chief minister alleged that after indulging in this adulteration, the opposition party leaders are maligning Heritage Foods, a dairy company run by his family. He asserted that Heritage Foods has nothing to do with Tirupati laddu ghee adulteration. "Twenty crore laddus were made with ghee adulterated with chemicals. Should God forgive you (previous YSRCP govt)?... After that they are maligning Heritage, which doesn't have any link," Naidu said. PTI

Cong, DMK seat-sharing talks smooth: Nivedith

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruchy

SEAT sharing talks between the Congress and the DMK for the upcoming elections are progressing smoothly, said AICC in-charge for Tamil Nadu Nivedith Alva on Wednesday, adding that his party has expressed interest in contesting from Tiruchy East and a few other constituencies, "the specifics" of which will be discussed.

Addressing media persons at the party district office in Tiruchy, Alva said the Congress had already constituted its election committee in December while the DMK recently announced its panel. "Congress general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal and other senior leaders had met Chief Minister M K Stalin in Chennai recently, and further rounds of talks would be communicated in due course," he added.

Further, Alva said he was touring several constituencies across Tamil Nadu and reviewing preparations for the upcoming Assembly election. As part of it, he reviewed booth-level work and organisational preparedness in Tiruchy East constituency. "We have already expressed interest in a few constituencies (to contest from), including Tiruchy East, and all specifics will be discussed during the talks," he added.

Talks with CPM and CPI are scheduled on February 26 and 27, respectively.

TAMIL NADU TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
T.66, T.67	CE / C / Transmission	Erection of 400 KV Transmission line.
T.2368	CE / Transmission	Supply and erection of 230 KV 1200 sqmm UG cable
C-120	CE / TP-II / Trichy	Line work @ 110 KV SS
PC 1132, 1133,1134 & 1135	CE / P&C	Supply of RTUs, Numerical Protection Relays, Leasing of spare dark fibres of TANTRANSCO & Attending fibre defects in OPGW in EHT lines

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DIPR/1404/Tender/2026

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

No.7091/PW/EE/BRC/DB/DB-II/25-26 Puducherry, dt.25/02/2026

e-TENDERING NOTICE INVITING BID THROUGH RFP

On behalf of the President of India, Bids are invited for **"Appointing Architectural Consultancy Services for Preparation of Detailed Architectural & Structural Drawings and Cost Estimates for Proposed Government Guest House Building at Indira Nagar, (Gorimedu), Puducherry Region"**. Bid Security : **Rs.3,50,000/-**, Period of completion : **3 (Three) Months** (Including Monsoon Period). Last time & date of submission of tender on (or) before **3.00 PM on 10.03.2026**. For further details please refer the website **www.pudutenders.gov.in** from **04.00 P.M on 26.02.2026**.

No.867/DIP/AD(Press)/2025-26 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

INFECTIOUS DISEASE INSTITUTE, KAMLA NEHRU CHEST & T.B. HOSPITAL, JODHPUR.

Tel. Ph: 0291-2753424 Email:- supdt.knch.ju@rajasthan.gov.in

No.S/1.D.I./Ju/2025-26/499-502 Dated:- 12/02/2026

E-TENDER NOTICE 04/2025-26
NIB-SMC2526A0277

Bids for HIGH SKILLED / SKILLED / UNSKILLED LABOUR at Infectious Disease Institute, Kamla Nehru Chest & T.B. Hospital, Jodhpur is invited from interested bidders up to closing date. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** of the state.)
(UBN No. SMC2526SLOB00349)

Superintendent, Infectious Disease Institute, Kamla Nehru Chest & T.B. Hospital, Jodhpur

DIPR/C/3397/2026

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NIT No. 52/2025-26
INVITATION OF BIDS FOR TOLL COLLECTION

Bids for **Safety Consultant for HAM projects under RSHDP II project for the HAM packages 01 Development, Operation & Maintenance of (i) Mal Bamori - Mangrol - Baran section of SH-1, from Km 13.000 to design chainage km. 53+845 (ending on NH-27) (length 40.845km.) in Baran district and (ii) Bundi-Silor-Bhopatpura section of SH-138, from Km 0+000 to design chainage km. 43+860 (ending on SH-29) (length 43.860km.) in the districts of Baran & Bhilwara, in the state of Rajasthan under on Hybrid Annuity Mode** are invited from interested bidders upto 15:00 Hrs on 05.03.2026.

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in)** of the state. The estimated cost of the work is **Rs. 62.48 Lakhs/-**
UBN No: PWD2526SLOB22872

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Tel: +91-141-2223547 **RSHA, Jaipur**
DIPR/C/3976/2026

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Account No: 37172132629

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA, RASMEC Hosur Branch, Hosur,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued a **Demand Notice dated: 15.11.2025,** calling upon the **Borrowers : 1. Smt. C.Indira, Residing at a) No. 55, Pachayappan Compound, 4th cross, Rama Temple Street, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore — 560075, b) # 170, GPR GRANDE Layout, Indira Chidambaram Nilayam, Chandapura, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist – 562107, 2. Shri.Ranjeet Kumar C S/o. Shri. Chidambaram (Legal heir of Deceased Co-Applicant) # 170, GPR GRANDE Layout, Indira Chidambaram Nilayam, Chandapura, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist - 562107. 3. Shri. RAHUL. C S/o Shri. Chidambaram (Legal heir of Deceased Co Applicant) # 170, GPR GRANDE Layout, Indira Chidambaram Nilayam, Chandapura, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District - 562107** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 99,12,349 (Rupees Ninety-nine Lakh twelve Thousand Three Hundred and forty-nine Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the **undersigned has taken possession of the property** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub of Section 4 of Section, 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this. **24/02/2026**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount **Rs. 1,01,74,776/- as on 24.02.2026 and interest from 25.02.2026** costs, etc., thereon. till the realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing site No.170, V.P.Khatha No.1366/971/170, formed in layout called "GPR GRANDE" corved out of converted land in Sy Nos. 45/1, 45/2, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52/3/4/5/6, 54/2/3/4, 55/3, 56/1, 56/2, 58/1A, 58/1B, 58/2, 59/1/2/3/4/5, 60/1A, 60/1B, 61/1, 62/6 in old V.P Katha No.1365/971/170 bearing new e-katha No.150200100600100174 situated at Chandapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District measuring East to West 30'-0"feet and North to South 50'-0" feet and totally measuring 1500 Sq.ft together with all rights, appurtenance whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and building constructed in the vacant plot as bounded on the:- **North by:** Plot No.161, **South by:** 30 feet Road, **West by:** Plot No.169, **East by:** Plot No.171

Date: 24/02/2026
Place: HOSUR **Sd/- Authorised Officer, STATE BANK OF INDIA**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No:CEE/Tr(O)ZH/SEE/EE(C)/37/2025-26/14341-46 Date:23.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites tenders through KPP Portal mode from registered KPWD Civil Contractors having EPF and ESI registration and fulfilling the all other requirements as in NIT (of KPP), for the execution of following 10 No.s of Civil works (within Hassan Transmission Operation Zone jurisdiction): **Tender Indent No:KPTCL/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT3330, KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3334,3335,3336(General), KPTCL/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT3331(SC), KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3329(SC), KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_ INDENT3328,3332,3333 (CAT-II(A)), KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3337 (CAT-I)** Interested tenderers directly can access the tendering KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **26.02.2026** for detailed NIT and to participate in the tenders through e-procurement. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, (Electy.,)
Transmission (Operation) Zone, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Santhepete, B.M.Road, Hassan-573 201.

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Yelahanka Division, Bengaluru-560 064

No.: BNCC/EE/YNK-D/Quotation/01/2025-26 Dated: 24.02.2026

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM QUOTATION

The Executive Engineer (Yelahanka Division), Bengaluru North City Corporation invites Short Term Quotation from the interested eligible contractors / Firm for adopting rates in the estimates for the work of Construction of Synik theme Park at 208 SFS Yelahanka New Town. The Quotation is inviting the Estimate purpose only the interested firms shall quote for the items.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

(1) Detailed Specification of above items may be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer Yelahanka Division BNCC, CMC Road Yelahanka Bengaluru – 560064. On Working days from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM Before 07.03.2026. **(2)** All specification rates should be Exclusive of GST but including Supplying, Transporting and fixing of items. **(3)** Completed quotation shall be submitted in sealed cover to the office of The Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division, BNCC, CMC Road, Yelahanka Bengaluru – 560064. **(4)** The interest firms / Contractors shall visit the site before submission of the quotation. **(5)** The rates shall be excluding GST. **(6)** The Last Date for Submission of Quotation is Before **4:00 PM** on **07.03.2026. (7)** Sealed quotation will be opened after **4:30 PM** on the same day. **(8)** The Executive Engineer Yelahanka Division may Except / Reject quotation without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division, BNCC

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: CEE/BGKT/Tr(Op)Z/EE(C)/AEE(C)/25-26/20300-09 Dt: 25.02.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites tender in KPPP mode under **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2025-26/SE2310/CALL-2** for Housekeeping of Colony premises at 110kV S/S Premises Nehru Nagar Belagavi for the period of 11 months coming under the jurisdiction of Chief Engineer (Electy.,) KPTCL, Tr. Operation Zone KPTCL, Bagalakote.

The tenders will be received through KPP Portal only. The details regarding participation in the KPPP process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **5.30 PM on 26.02.2026.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-Chief Engineer, (Elec.),Transmission (Operation) Zone, KPTCL, 110kV Sub-Station Premises, Navanagara, Bagalakote-587 103.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DIRECTORATE, DEPARTMENT OF SAINIK WELFARE AND RESETTLEMENT, OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, NO-58, FIELD MARSHAL KM CARIAPPA BHAVAN, FIELD MARSHAL KM CARIAPPA ROAD, BENGALURU - 560025
Phone: 080-25589459 E-mail: dirdswrblr@gmail.com
Web site: https://sainikwelfare.karnataka.gov.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Invites tenders for submission of quotation for Supplying / Carry out Installation of Domestic water treatment and softening plant: 18.00 CU.M in Staff Qtrs 280/1-6 Sampangi Ram Nagar, Bangalore of this Department. Tender Value is Rs. 3 Lakhs including GST.

Date and time of distribution of: tender	:	Interested registered suppliers, agencies can download Tender Form from the website https://sainikwelfare.karnataka.gov.in or can obtained from the office either by post or by Email: dirdswrblr@gmail.com or personally from 26-02-2026 to 10-03-2026 from 10.00hrs to 1700 hrs (excluding public holidays / Sundays).
Last Date & Time for Submission of: Tender Form EMD Amount of Rs. 10,000/- to: deposited through Demand Draft / Cheque :	:	Tender application submitted after 10-03-2026 1600 hrs will not be considered. In favour of SAINIK REST HOUSE FUND. IDBI Bank A/c No : 0008104000 570022, IFSC : IBKL0000008
Date & Time for opening of: Tenders	:	11-03-2026 @ 1200 hrs
Place for submission of Tenders	:	Directorate, Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement, No-58, Field Marshal KM Cariappa Bhavan, Field Marshal KM Cariappa Road, Bengaluru - 560025.

BENGALURU EAST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer HAL Airport Division,
1st Cross MEG Layout Akash Nagar, Mahadevpura,
Bengaluru-560040.

No: BECC/EE/HAL/TN/02/2025-26/Call-2 Date:25-02-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Call-2)
(Through **GOK** KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** only)

The Bengaluru East City Corporation (BECC) Horamavu Division invites Request for Proposal from interested persons/firms those who have done similar type of work for Consultancy Services for Project Management including Supervision, Quality control (PMC) for the below works through KPP Portal by the Executive Engineer HAL Airport on behalf of the Commissioner, BECC, Bengaluru.

Sl No.	Name of the work
1.	Providing PMC Services including Supervision, Quality control for Improvements and Developments to Roads and Drains and Other allied works in HAL Airport, A Narayanapura and Vijnana Nagara Wards in HAL Airport Division (G.O. Sl. No. 33, 34,35) Package-1 for the year 2025-26 (Call-2) **Project Cost: ₹.500.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount: ₹.10,300.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal GOK from **04-03-2026** (2) Pre-Bid Meeting on **06-03-2026** at **11:30** am. (3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders is **10-03-2026** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Opening of Technical Bid is **11-03-2026** at **4:30** pm.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
HAL Airport, Zone-2

Can Fin Homes Ltd
Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
KORAMANGALA BRANCH
586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block,
Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School
Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
koramangala@canfinhomes.com
Tel: 080-41112879, Mob:7625079131/7625079457
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 9 (1)]

E-SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold by holding E-Auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **18/03/2026**, for recovery of **Rs.59,34,198/-** (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakh Thirty Four Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Eight Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Srinivasachar N and Mr. Rajanna S and Mr. Prakash S(Borrowers) and Mr. N C Narendra Babu(Guarantor),** as on 25/02/2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be **Rs. 35,00,000/-** (RupeesThirty Five Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,50,000/-** (RupeesThree Lakh Fifty Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing of Site No.1, Sy.No.1, Manchanabele Village, Madabal Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagar District. Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 2400 Sq. Ft. and bounded on the East by: Road, West by : Gomala, North by : Anjanappa's House and South by : Gomala
Known Encumbrances : NIL

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com) please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com SearchAuction.aspx
Link for participating in e-auction : www.auctionbazaar.com

Place: Bangalore
Date: 25.02.2026
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

BENGALURU WEST CITY CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Mahalakshmipuram Division, 12th Main, 11th Cross,
West of Chord Road, BWCC, Bengaluru.

No: EE/MLP/TEND/E-PROC/15/2025-26 Date: 25-02-2026

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Mahalakshmipuram Division, BWCC, Bengaluru for the work detailed below from the registered Contractors of BWCC or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / BBMP or any State Government Organizations.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-1, KW-2 KW-3 & KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Supplying, Installation and Commissioning of CCTV, Furniture, Projector and Computer to BBMP Schools / Colleges in Kodandaramapura, Marappanapalya and Magadi Road, Bengaluru. **Approximated Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs): 122.09, EMD Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 1.84**

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 03-03-2026 after 16.30 Hours. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries: **06-03-2026 upto 15.00 Hours. 3)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **06-03-2026 at 15.30 Hours. 4)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **12-03-2026 upto 16.00 Hours. 5)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals is **13-03-2026 after 16.30 Hours through KPP Portal.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Mahalakshmipuram Division, BWCC.

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH (05173)

Authorized Officer's Details:
Name: **Sri. Narasimha Murthy B**
E-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9962629198
Land Line No. (Office): 080-25943678

Building No.11/90 3rd Floor,
OPP: Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre,
J.C. Road, Bengaluru-560 002.
Ph: 25943678, 25943663
E-mail Id – sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

APPENDIX-IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
E-AUCTION SALE ON 30.03.2026
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (excluding movables, if any, lying in the premises) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers/Mortgagers that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is" and "Whatever There Is"** basis on **30.03.2026** for recovery **Rs.44,04,042.00 (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Four Thousand Forty Two Only)** as on 25.02.2026 and further interest at contractual rate from 26.02.2026 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the State Bank of India, Secured Creditor from the Borrowers **Sri Vishal Ganesh Sarag and Smt. Pranita Vishal Sarag.-**

The reserve price, earnest money deposit & bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.48,63,000/-	Rs.4,86,300/-	Rs.50,000/-	10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.on 30.03.2026	On or before 30.03.2026 up to 10.00 A.M.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/2025-26/203
Property ID- SBIN200055216638
SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Survey No. 12/1, measuring 12.15 guntas [132531.5 Sq. feet], situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, presently within the jurisdiction of CMC-Hebbagodi, Ward No. 26 and bounded as follows: **East by**: Portion of the Sy. Nos. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Chandrakala, **West by**: Portion of the Sy. Nos. 12/1, 12/2, 12/5 and 13/1 gifted to Bharathi M, **North by**: Sy. No. 12/1 and **South by**: Private property.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Survey No. 13/1, measuring 12.15 guntas [132531.5 Sq. feet], situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, presently within the jurisdiction of CMC-Hebbagodi, Ward No. 26 and bounded as follows: **East by**: Private property, **West by**: Portion of the property gifted to Sarawathi M, **North by**: Sy. No. 12/1 and **South by**: Private property.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Un-divided share sold under this Deed): **359** Sq. ft undivided share, right, title and interest of land in the total land of Item No. 1 and 2 of Schedule 'A' property referred to above.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : (Subject matter of this Sale Deed)
All thepiece and parcel of Flat bearing **No. T-09** bearing CMC Hebbagodi Khatha No. 12/1, 13/1, TF//T-09 Sl. No. 9284 (within Ward 26 of CMC-Hebbagodi)in **Third Floor** constructed over the Schedule 'A' property contains 2 Bed Rooms, one with attached bath, Kitchen cum Dinning a common bath cum toilet, Living room with one car parking space and the super built are measuring 1150 Sq. ft of the Apartment known as **"KRITAN IRIS"** together with an undivided share, right, title and interest of land as specified in Schedule 'B' property referred to above, along with water, electricity and sewerage amenities together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircase and other areas for common use and schedule 'C' Flat is bounded by: - **East by**: 6 Meter Wide Corridor, **West by**: Flat No. T-10, **North by**: Flat No. T-03 and **South by**: 6 Meter Wide Corridor.

The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For further details regarding inspection of the property the intending bidder may contact the Authorized Officer, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Building No.11/90, III Floor, Opp.Trustwell Hospital, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002 Telephone: 080-2594-3678/3663 or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, M/s KN Resolutions Pvt Ltd. Representative: Sri. V Pradeep Kumar, Cell No.9535052772

To the best of knowledge of the Authorized Officer & as per available information there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in PSB Alliance Pvt Limited,**https:// baanknet.com**and**www.sbi.co.in**

NOTE: Sale of property is brought under **"AS IS WHERE IS"**, **"AS IS WHAT IS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS"**condition, any dues affecting the property such as Electricity bill, Water bill, pending charges with respect of Association, Transfer of E-Khatha & property tax etc., has to be borne by the auction purchaser.

Date: 25.02.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. Vishwanth V.J. S/o. Mr. S.V. Jayashankar, Aged about 50 years, Resident of 292, GKVK Layout, Jakkur, Bengaluru – 560 064 Mobile No.9845411300 intends to Purchase Property bearing No. 120, BBMP Katha No.17/3/120 Form 11B E PID No. 3548614484 situated at II main, IV Cross, Balaji Layout, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – 560 064 from Mr. P Muralidhar for a valuable Sale Consideration.

If any person or persons any statutory body, Firm, Company or Institution have any valid and lawful interest or claim over the property, they are hereby requested to file their objections/claim along with copies of the documents of title with the undersigned within 15 days from 26th February 2026.

Mr. NAGENDRA PRASAD B.M.
ADVOCATE & CONSULTANT, No.311, "OM MAHAJALA" III Main, GKVK Layout, Jakkur, Bangalore – 560 064. Mob : 98440 45896.
E mail : nprasad_66@yahoo.co.in

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
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Tender Notice No.SCR-BZA-SNT-E25-OT-25-26 Dt:24.02.2026

PUB/2021

For and on behalf of the President of India the undersigned invites E-Tenders for the following work up to 15.30 hrs on Dt:23.03.2026.

S.No.: 01 **Name of the work:** Tender Notice No & Date: SCR-BZA-SNT-E25-OT-25-26, Dt: 24.02.2026 VIJAYAWADA Division:- S&T works in connection with Provision of RDSO version Fire & smoke detector Alarm system in ABS huts in station premises & mid section in Automatic block signalling section over Vijayawada Division. **Tender value (₹):** 7,35,19,940.54 **EMD (₹):** 5,17,600.00 Only through online or bid security **CTB (₹):** NIL **Completion Period :** 365 Days

Date of closing and timing: Time 15.30 hrs Date 23.03.2026

1. Tender conditions / other particulars such as the details of the name of works in full, the similar nature of the above works, eligibility criteria, etc. are available in the Tender documents published on the website at **"www.ireps.gov.in"**.
2. The prospective tenderers are advised to visit the website **"www.ireps.gov.in"**. before the date of tender closing to note any changes / corrigenda for any tender.
3. The Tender Notice is also displayed in the Notice Board located in the Office of Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom), S.C. Railway Vijayawada.
4. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.

Divisional Railway Manager
A2565 (S&T), Vijayawada

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: **The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY
SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken over **Physical Possession** of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act.

The Authorized Officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.

Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 100% of the sale consideration on the expiry of publication of this notice.
3. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount if any paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest with in the stipulated time.
4. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
5. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
6. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
7. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act / Rules.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve Price for Private Treaty
1	34019630000321	1) Devraju B, 2) Mrs. Sumitharmma H	**Rs.5,97,564.65** (Rupees Five Lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Four and Paisa Sixty Five Only) **due as on 23-11-2022**	**Rs.8,00,000/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Only)
	Details of Secured Assets: All the peace and parcel of the Property bearing Vacant Site No.65, Khata No.260/65, E-Khata No.150300302300600117, East to West 9.144 Meter and North to South 12.192 Meter and Total Measuring 111.483000 Sq.meter, situated at Maralenahalli Village, Anabe Grama Panchayat, Kasaba Hobli, Dodaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, RCC House with Electricity and Water and **Bounded as follows: East by:** Site No.64, **West by:** Site No.66, **North by:** Site No.74, **South by:** Road.			

The aforesaid Borrower's/ Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.

Correspondence Address: **Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362951653), email: ranjan.naik@janabank.com. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, (formerly known as M/s. Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.), having Office The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.**

Date: 26.02.2026, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

ಮೈಸೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮೈಸೂರು
ಜೆ.ಎಲ್.ಬಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು– 570005,
ದೂರವಾಣಿ/ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 0821–2420624

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈಅಪ್ರಾ/ಅಸ/ಸಾ.ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ. 01/2025–26 **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.02.2026**

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮೈಸೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ ವಿವಿಧ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು	ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)	ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ
ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು						
1.	ಮೈಅಪ್ರಾ/ಅಅ/ಪಿಬಿ/ಟಿಎನ್/20/2025 –26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.02.2026	04	79.50	26.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11ರ ನಂತರ	04.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ರವರೆಗೆ	06.03.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00ಕ್ಕೆ
2	ಮೈಅಪ್ರಾ/ಅಅ/ಪಿಬಿ/ಟಿಎನ್/18/2025 –26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.02.2026	02	906.50	10.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11ರ ನಂತರ	02.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ರವರೆಗೆ	04.03.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00ಕ್ಕೆ
3	ಮೈಅಪ್ರಾ/ಅಅ/ಪಿಬಿ/ಟಿಎನ್/19/2025 –26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.02.2026	06	179.48	19.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11ರ ನಂತರ	06.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ರವರೆಗೆ	07.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ವರೆಗೆ
4	ಮೈಅಪ್ರಾ/ಅಅ/ಪಿಬಿ/ಟಿಎನ್/19/2025 –26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.02.2026	01	645.00	26.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11ರ ನಂತರ	16.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.29ರವರೆಗೆ	17.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ಕ್ಕೆ
5	ಮೈನಪ್ರಾ/ಲೆಶಾ/ನಗದು/ನಿಶ್ಚಿತ ಠೇವಣಿ/17/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16.02.2025	01	117.00 ಕೋಟಿ	26.02.2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11ರ ನಂತರ	16.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.29ರವರೆಗೆ	17.03.2026 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30ವರೆಗೆ

ಅರ್ಹ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು (http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. **ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ:** ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸೂಚನೆ/ಬದಲಾವಣೆ/ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ (http://KPPP.karnataka.gov.in) ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮೈಸೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

DIPR/DDMYS/1749/KSMCA/978/2025-26

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, AT BENGALURU

G & W.C. No. 34/2026

BETWEEN : 1. Mr. T. Rajendrakumar, Aged about 72 years, S/o. Thukkram. 2. Mrs. Meenakshi, Aged about 63 years, W/o. Mr. T. Rajendrakumar. Both currently residing at : No.27, 20th 'G' Cross, Ejipura, Viveknagar, Bengaluru - 560 047. ...PETITIONERS

AND : Mrs. Teena K., W/o. Late Lokeshwara Raman R., Aged about 41 years, Residing at No. 207, Shrivas Serenity, Apartment Lake View Garden, K. Channasandra, Horamavu Post, Bengaluru - 560 043. ...RESPONDENT

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

Mrs. Teena K., W/o. Late Lokeshwara Raman R., Aged about 41 years, Residing at No. 207, Shrivas Serenity,Apartment Lake View Garden, K. Channasandra, Horamavu Post, Bengaluru - 560 043.

Whereas, the Petitioners above named have filed the above petition against the Respondent seeking the following reliefs:

a) Grant of shared custody and/or structured visitation rights of the minor child, Master Shaurya, to the Petitioners, in such manner, frequency, and duration as the Hon'ble Court deems fit, keeping in view the welfare, well-being and best interests of the minor child;

b) Direct the Respondent not to obstruct or alienate the minor child from the Petitioners;

c) Grant such other relief/s as deemed fit, in light of the facts and circumstances of the captioned case, in the interest of justice.

The Respondent above named is hereby informed / summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through pleader duly instructed on the **28th day of March, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.** to defend the above case, failing which the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 25th day of FEBRUARY, 2026.

By Order of the Court
Chief Ministerial Officer
Senior Civil Judge Court
Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore

Advocate for the Petitioners VIVIKTA LAW, Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.22, Laxmi Nilaya, 2nd Floor, Yamuna Bai Road, Madhavanagar, Kumara Park East,
Bengaluru 560 001, Ph. No.: +91 88926 45769,
Email: admin@viviktalaw.com

CAUTION NOTICE

This is to inform you that our Client, **Smt. Pavana Chandrashekara Reddy,** daughter of Sri. C. Chandrashekara Reddy and wife of Sri. Abhishek Srivastava, currently residing at No. 35 Sheffield Way, North Kingstown, RI 02852, USA, is the sole and absolute owner of Site No. 1M-213, PID No.84-138-1M-213, and the Layout has been formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at East of NGEF Layout, and the site was under the Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, presently Bangalore Central City Corporation, Kasthurinagar, Ward No.84, Benniganahalli, Bangalore, measuring East to West 18.30 meters and North to South 12.20 mèters, totally measuring 223.26 meters and bounded on the :

East by : Site No.1AM-214 & 1AM216;
West by : 1st Main Road;
North by : Site No. 1 M-215; and
South by : Site No. 1M-211.

Further, Mr. J. Saivinoth, son of Jayakumar, residing at Flat No. 404, 4th Floor, Meridian Heights, New No. 154, Peters Road, Royalpettah, Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600014 has issued two public notices on 29th January 2026 in The New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha intimating the general public that he is intending to purchase the aforesaid site. However, it is brought to the notice of the General Public that our Client has not entered into any kind of agreement or arrangement with Mr. J. Saivinoth, who has wrongfully published these public notices without our Client's knowledge.

Hence the general public is hereby cautioned and alerted against such misrepresentation and is requested not to deal with Mr. J Saivinoth or his Advocate Mr. Harish NV with regard to the aforesaid site as our Client has not granted him the permission to issue such public notices. Our Client has taken appropriate steps to safeguard her interest in respect of the said site. The general public is thus requested not to enter into any kind of transaction with Mr. J Saivinoth or his Advocate Mr. Harish NV regarding the said site.

Dated 26th February 2026.

Ramesh T, Partner
LEX ASTRA PARTNERS AND ASSOCIATES
office at No. 3111, 11th Floor,
High Point 3, 45, Palace Road,
Bangalore – 560001. +919845329685

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BANGALORE
B S N L BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BANGALORE-560 001
CASE NO: O.A.No.133/2025

BETWEEN: **HDFC BANK LIMITED.** . ... APPLICANT
AND
SRI V.K. MANJUNATH ....DEFENDANTS

To:
SRI. V.K. MANJUNATH S/O. SRI. V. KRISHNAPPA, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS NO.1, 1ST MAIN, 5TH CROSS, SRI KANTESHWARA NAGAR, BENGALURU-560 096.

ALSO AT:
SRI. V.K. MANJUNATH S/O. SRI. V. KRISHNAPPA, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS DBOI GLOBAL SERVICES PVT. LTD., GATE #4, VELKANI TECH PARK, ELECTRONIC CITY, BENGALURU-560 100.

AND ALSO AT:
SRI. V.K. MANJUNATH S/O. SRI. V. KRISHNAPPA, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS DEUTSCHE INDIA PRIVATE LTD., GATE NO.4, VELKANI TECH PARK, BENGALURU-560 096.

AND ALSO AT:
SRI. V.K. MANJUNATH S/O. SRI. V. KRISHNAPPA, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, D-010, BLOCK-D, FLR-GR, SAMRUDDHI RHYTHM, DODDAGUBBI VILLAGE, BIDARAHALLI HOBLI, BENGALURU-560 049

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (Viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against the above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs 1,17,17,706/- (Rupees One Crore Seventeen Lakhs Seventeen Thousand & Seven Hundred Six Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above mentioned defendants are required to appear therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause **on 27/02/2026 at 10:30 a.m.** as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day of **13.01.2026.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL, REGISTRAR-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI

C.Mis. No. 39/2026

Between : Sri. B. Balappa & Others...Petitioners
And : The Registrar ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Petitioners have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Muniyamma W/o Late Dasappa @ Neeraganti Dasappa was died on 04.09.1986** at Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 10.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M.** in C.Misc. No. 39/2026.

By Order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer,
ಮುಖ್ಯ ಲಿಪಿಕಾರರು,
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

Advocate for Petitioners :
SMT. NAVYA. M.N, Advocate
Office at No.255, 4th Cross, Manjunath Layout, Nagashettihalli, Sanjaynagara Post, Bangalore-560 094.

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI

C.Mis. No. 38/2026

Between : Sri. B. Balappa & Others ...Petitioners
And : The Registrar ...Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Petitioners have filed the above petition for the death certificate of **Dasappa @ Neeraganti Dasappa S/o. Late Balappa was died on 25.03.1982** at Vijayapura Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Civil Judge & JMFC at Devanahalli and date of hearing **on 10.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M.** in C.Misc. No. 38/2026.

By Order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer,
ಮುಖ್ಯ ಲಿಪಿಕಾರರು,
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli.

Advocate for Petitioners :
SMT. NAVYA. M.N, Advocate
Office at No.255, 4th Cross, Manjunath Layout, Nagashettihalli, Sanjaynagara Post, Bangalore-560 094.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that I, **Smt. Sashikala Brown,** owned property bearing Municipal No. 4 (Old No. 67), situated at Car Street, Halasuru, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 31.10 feet and North to South 52 feet, totally measuring 1617.2 Sq. Ft., presently within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru, assigned New Municipal No. 4, Car Street, Ulsoor, Bengaluru, falling under Ward No. 81, PID No. 81-28-4, consisting of a Ground Floor measuring approximately 1500 Sq. Ft. and First Floor measuring approximately 1500 Sq. Ft., RCC roofed building thereon.

It is hereby informed that the Original Sale Deed dated 18.11.1948 executed by Smt. Ramalakshmamma in favour of Smt. K. Kamalamma, registered as Document No. 2156, recorded in Book I, Volume 701, Pages 54 to 57, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Civil and Military Station, Bengaluru, has been misplaced/lost and is not traceable despite diligent search. In this regard, a police complaint has been lodged by me on 05.02.2026 and the same has been registered as Online Lost Report No. 2046365/2026.

Any person who finds the aforesaid original document is requested to hand over the same to me at the address mentioned below. Any misuse of the said lost document by any person shall not bind me and such person shall do so at his/her/their own risk, costs and consequences.

Smt. Sashikala Brown
No. 4 (Old No. 67), Car Street,
Halasuru, Bengaluru.
Bengaluru, Date: 26.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOST DOCUMENT

My Client **U.UDAYA PRAKASH,** aged about 64 years, S/o. Late G. Udaya Bhanu, residing at No.203, 5th Cross Amarjyothi HBCS Layout , Domlur, Bangalore - 560 071, **(AADHAAR No.3190 7813 2023),** has irretrievable **lost the original** Simple Mortgage Deed dated: 06/05/1970 executed by my father late Sri.GUdaya Bhanu in favour of MHB registered as document No.386/1970-71 and original Discharge Deed dated: 07/12/1983, executed by KHB, registered as document No.2597/1983-84, both registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore and other papers pertaining to the Schedule Property. My Client has lodged a Police Complaint for lost article on 20/02/2026, under acknowledgment issued by the Bangalore City Police, bearing SL No.2072977, Lost Report No.2072977/2026.

If any person/s found the original Simple Mortgage Deed dated: 06/05/1970 and original Discharge Deed dated: 07/12/1983 please come forward with in a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice and hand over the same to the under signed, will be suitably rewarded. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using the missing document, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within 07 days from this paper publication. Else there won't be any further claims from thereon.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **BDA Site No.193, Municipal No.193, PID No.72-8-193, EPID No.7765205072, situated at Domlur Layout (earlier Domlur Extension), in BBMP Old Ward No.72, New Ward No.112, presently within the limits of Bangalore Central City Corporation of Greater Bangalore Authority (GBA), Bangalore,** measuring East to West **40 feet** and North to South **30 feet,** totally measuring **1200 square feet,** together with existing residential building thereon, measuring Ground floor **1116 square feet,** First Second Floor **2185 Square feet**. The building is of RCC roofing, Vitrified tiles flooring, Jungle wood doors and windows and provided with all civic amenities like, Electricity, Water and sanitary facilities, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

East by : Road, West by : CITB Land, North by : Site No.194, South by : Site No.192

G. VIJAYAKUMAR & ASSOCIATION
Advocates and Consultants,
Office at No.64, Ground Floor, 4th Cross,
Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 038.
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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II (KARANATAKA), BENGALURU

Original Application No.2115/2024

Summons under sub-section(4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with Sub - Rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

STATE BANK OF INDIA ,
SARB Bengaluru ...Applicant
Versus
SAI PRASHANTH K., ...Defendant

To,
Sai Prashanth K., Aged 51 years, S/o. Sri Krishna Pillai , G-04, Balaji Meadows, Ground Floor, Property No. 2, khata No. 206/34/3/2/34/4, Kodigehally Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru- 560 064.

Whereas the Applicant Bank has instituted an Original Apppltion under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Finanical Institutions Act, 1993, for the Recovery of a sum of **Rs.48,24,700.00** (Rupees Forty Eight lakhs, Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred only) on 12.09.2024 being total dues with interest and costs and other relief/reliefs against the Defendant.

You are required to show causes on **04.05.2026 at 11.00 a.m**. in person/s or by a pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in event of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **30.01.2026.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore

Advocate for Applicant Bank
M.K. Venkataramana, Advocate,
G-104, J. C.Complex Annexe,
No. 186/20, Sirur Park road,
Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560 020.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2 AT BANGALORE
B S N L BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, TELEPHONE HOUSE, RAJBHAVAN ROAD, BANGALORE-560 001
CASE NO: 0.A.No.1584/2025

BETWEEN: **HDFC BANK LIMITED.** . ... APPLICANT
AND
SRI MANJUNATHA D AND OTHERS ....DEFENDANTS

To,
1. SRI. MANJUNATHA D S/0. SRI. DURGAPPA, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS, NO.145, GROUND FLOOR, 5TH MAIN, 4TH CROSS, ROYAL SHELT, ROYAL SHELTERS, BENGALURU - 560 076.

ALSO AT:
SRI. MANJUNATHA D S/O. SRI. DIJRGAPPA, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS, STRIDES SHASUN LIMITED
KRS SURAGA JAKKANAHALLIINDLA WADI CROSS, BENGALURU - 562 106.

AND ALSO :
SRI. MANJUNATHA D S/0. SRI. DURGAPPA, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS, SAI RESIDENCY, FLAT-407, 3RD FLOOR, PLOT 8, 9 & 10, S NO.209 & 210, BBMP KH NO.1730/A/209/8/9210/10, KENGERI VILLAGE, KENGERI HOBLI, BENGALURU - 560 060.

2. SMT. RAKSHITHA H B D/O. SRI. BASAVARAJAPPA MADAPPA, AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS, NO.145, GROUND FLOOR, 5TH MAIN, 4TH CROSS, ROYAL SHELT, ROYAL SHELTERS, BENGALURU - 560 076.

3. SRI SAI BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNERS HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT NO.2, KAVIKA LAYOUT, OPP KRISHNA TEMPLE, KENGERI SATELLITE TOWN, BANGALORE - 560 060.

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(Viii)OF DEBTS RECOVERY

TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAYOF PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS: the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions, Act, 1993, against The above defendants for the recovery of sum of Rs.55,90,630/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Ninety Thousand & Six Hundred Thirty Only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. The above mentioned defendants are required to appear; therefore hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed in support of their defence to show cause on 04/03/2026 at 10:30 a.m. as why the relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this day **20.01.2026.**

BY THE ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL
REGISTRAR-2
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-2
BANGALORE

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e-Tender Notice Nos. C/E.29/ Elec/M/SC/41 & 42/PA/OT/ 2025-26 Dt.23.02.2026 PUB/2010

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the given below work up to **15.00 hours on 16.03.2026**

S.No.: 01 e-Tender No.: etenderNo.C/E.29/Elec/M/SC/41/PA/OT/2025-26 etender No.E-M-SC-41-OT-2025-26 **Name of work:** Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department - (i) Provision of Ballast less track and quick watering arrangements for Road No. 1 & Road No.3 at Bidar Railway Station (ii) Provision of Ballast less track and Quick watering system for Loop Line-1at PRLI (iii) Sirpur kagaznagar - Provision of Ballast less track for Road 5 and Quick watering system between Road 5&6 at Sirpurkaganagar Railway Station (iv) Provision of Ballast less track and Quick watering system for Loop Line-1 at KRMR - Electrical Arrangements. **Tender Value (₹):** 8,02,43,401.00 **EMD (₹):** 5,51,200.00 **CTF (₹):** 0.00 **Completion period:** 6 Months

S.No.: 02 e-Tender No.: etenderNo.C/E.29/Elec/M/SC/42/PA/OT/2025-26 etender No.E-M-SC-42-OT-2025-26 **Name of work:** Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department - Schedule A - Provision of Lighting Arrangements on Extended Platforms Over SC Division. Schedule B - CHZ - Development/Improvements to Station Building, circulating area on 2nd entry side and Provision of COP for full length on PF1 2&3 in lieu of terminal station facilities at Charlapally - Electrical Arrangements. **Tender Value (₹):** 3,85,20,131.40 **EMD (₹):** 3,42,600.00 **CTF (₹):** 0.00 **Completion period:** 6 Months

Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at "**www.ireps.gov.in**" which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer (M), Secunderabad

e-Tender Notice Nos. C/E.29/ Elec/M/SC/43/PA/OT/2025-26 Dt.23.02.2026 PUB/2011

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the given below work up to **15.00 hours on 17.03.2026**

S.No.: 01 e-Tender No.: etenderNo.C/E.29/Elec/M/SC/43/PA/OT/2025-26 etender No.E-M-SC-43-OT-2025-26 **Name of work:** Secunderabad Division Electrical Maintenance Department : Replacement of existing old water tanks along with staging at BTNR, CDNR, HTCY, BRBD, GDQ, SEM, NAW and CT stations under Sr.DEN/West/SC jurisdiction. – Electrical arrangements. **Tender Value (₹):** 46,26,285.00 **EMD (₹):** 92,500.00 **CTF (₹):** 0.00 **Completion period:** 6 Months

Tender conditions/other particulars are available in the Tender documents on IREPS website at "**www.ireps.gov.in**" which can be downloaded, can be participated and can view any modifications if any.

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer
A2553 (M), Secunderabad

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mrs. Sherootata is the sole and absolute owner of the property bearing House No. 202, 4th Main, 1st Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560 034.

My client lost the Original Documents with respect to above said property i.e., Original Lease Cum Sale Agreement and Sale Deed while in transit in Koramangala last 20 days before and she has lodged the Complaint in the Koramangala Police Station if any one traces the same please handover the same to the aforesaid person Mrs. Sherootata.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients are negotiating for the purchase of the Schedule property from **M/s URBANRISE CLASSIC HOMES PRIVATE LIMITED,** having its registered office at No. 243,19th Main Road, Sector 4, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102, represented by its Authorised Signatory **Mr. Dega Srinivasulu Reddy**, claiming to be the owner of the schedule property agreed to sell the same in favour of my clients i.e., **Mr. Prahalad Muthanna,** S/o Mr. B R Muthanna, and **Mrs. Shilpa Prahalad,** W/o Mr. Prahalad Muthanna, both are residing at #302, Skandashree Enclave, 2nd floor, SLV Layout, Mysore Rd, Nayandahalli, Bengaluru - 560039. Therefore, any person/s, Financial Institutions, Co-parcener of the owners, Legal representatives or any other person interested in the schedule property or opposing the sale of the schedule property to my clients in any manner whatsoever shall submit written objections to the undersigned along with the supporting documents within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of this publication. Any objections received subsequently shall not be considered and my clients would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential Plot bearing **No. 57** comprised land in converted Survey No. 35 of Gangasandra Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, in the Residential Layout known as **"Paradise On Earth"** Project, measuring East to West **16.76 Mtr,** North to South **9 Mtr,** totally admeasuring **150.84 Sq, Mtr (1623.49 sqft)** and bounded on: East by : 10 Mtr Road, West by : Plot No. 63 and 62, North by : Plot No. 58, South by : Plot No. 56.

Office Address:
Chandrahasa. M.R. Advocate,
No. 2, Ground Floor, 'ASVNV CENTENARY BHAVAN', K G Road, Gandhinagar,
Bengaluru-560009. Mobile: **9741485539**

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-1)

MIS. No. 210 of 2026

BETWEEN : **1. SRI GODWAD BHAVAN JAIN TRUST**, Having its principal office at No.131, Lalbagh Road Cross, Behind Poornima Talkies and Prerana Motors, Bengaluru - 560 027.
Represented by its Trustees:
a) **VIKRAM JAIN KARBAWALA**
b) **GOUTHAMCHAND K. MEHTA**

2. VIKRAM JAIN KARBAWALA, S/o Sri Bheemraj, Aged about 50 years, Trustee, Sri Godwad Bhavan Jain Trust, Residing at No.24, Subramanyaswamy Temple Street, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru - 560 004.

3. GOUTHAMCHAND K. MEHTA, S/o Sri Kantilal H. Mehta, Aged about 54 years, Trustee, Sri Godwad Bhavan Jain Trust, Residing at No.94, 38th Cross, 6th Main, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 041. ...PETITIONER

AND : NIL ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Petitioners above named have filed an application under Section 92 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 to grant the permission to sell the schedule property standing in the name of the petitioner, in respect of Schedule property mentioned below. The schedule property were held in the name of the trust by name Sri Godwad Bhavan Jain Trust, Interested parties are hereby directed to appear to this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed, **on 01.04.2026 at 11.00 A.M.,** to show cause against the Petitioners, failing which the appearance will be heard and declared as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted undeveloped land bearing Sy.No.93/2, measuring 6 Acres 28 Guntas, including 2 Guntas of regularised A-Kharab, situated at Hurulagurki Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, (under Conversion Order No.239145 dated 28.07.2021 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District) and bounded on as follows:

East by : Mudugurki Village Boundary;
West by : Land in Sy.No. 94;
North by : Land in Sy.No. 94;
South by : Mudugurki Village Boundary.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 20th day of February 2026.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

Address for Service:
Sanjay H. Sethiya, *Advocate*
Law Square, *Advocates & Solicitors*
Level Two, No.2/1, 3rd Cross, Gandhinagar,
Bengaluru - 560 009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. LAVANYA JITENDRANATH,** W/o. Jitendranath, #220, Kinne Rd, Glastonbury, CT 06033, USA, intends to purchase below mentioned property from **K. SENDIL KUMAR**, S/o. Late C.D. Kannu, No.10, 2nd B Main, Nanjappa Layout, Adugodi, Bengaluru - 560030.

Any person/s having/asserting any right, title, interest, claim over schedule property, may contact the undersigned with all relevant papers/title deeds and submit their objections in writing, within ten days, failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential Site No.506, PID No.60000876554, Block-8, Sector-B of NPKL, formed in Sy.No.8 of Sulikere Village, Bangalore, measuring 12 x 9 meters, bounded on East by Road, West by Site No.536, North by Site No.505 and South by Site No.507.

Dated 25th February 2026 at Bengaluru.

S. Ramesh Kumar, Advocate
231, I Floor, S.C. Road, Gandhinagar,
Bengaluru-9. Mobile: 9845359588

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. Imran Kutchhi son of Mr. Ashraf Kutchi and Mr. Althaf Khan son of Mr. Khan Sab, both are partners of M/s. Sabakath Traders, No. 19, old No.79, Industrial Suburb, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-22 intending to purchase the Plot No. 43/U-2, E-PID No. 1086801553, PID No. 10-6-2 property No.43/2, situated at 4th Cross, opposite APMC yard 9th Gate, 4th Cross, Dr. Ambedkar Nagara, Behind APMC yard in Lorry stand and Godown Layout, Yeshavanthpur, Bangalore-22, BBMP Ward No. 44, measuring East to West 75' and North to South 100' + 80'/2 (90 feet) in all measuring 6750 square feet, bounded on: East by: Site No.43/U-1, West by: Site No. 43/U-3, North by: RMC property, South by : Road, from Mr. Dharma Veera Singh B son of Mr. G. Balaji Singh and Mr. Mangilal son of Mr. Shyama Lal Bansi of Bangalore-83, for valuable sale consideration.

Therefore, myself and my client inform the general public/banks/financial institutions/ legal heirs of the owners or any other persons having interested in the above property or opposing the sale of the property to my clients in any manner whatsoever shall report their written objections either to my client or to me with supporting documents within 14 days from the date of publication. If anybody raised objection after 15 days shall not consider and my client will get proper sale deed.

K. HONNAIAH, Advocate
No. 100, Sri. Krishna Building,
Avenue Road, Bangalore - 560 002.
Mobile No. 9980205069, 9980011478, 9845615150
Bengaluru, Date: 25.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby informed that, my client Smt. Heera J Shetty W/o Jayaprakesh Shetty has lost the Original sale deed dated 31/08/1994, bearing vide document No. 3856/1994-95, Volum No.3970 and was registered in the Office of The Sub-Registrar, Bangalore South, executed by M.Riyaz Ahamed in favour of Smt. Svith H Hegde, GPA given by Smt. Savith H Hegde in favour of Smt. Savitha M Naik to purchase the property and other documents in respect of property bearing Site No.41 & 42, Katha No. 727, formed in Sy.27, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 sq.ft. Situated at Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on East by: Property No.40, West by: Private property, North by : Road, South by. Property No.31 & 31 A. These documents given by my elder sister namely Smt. Savith H Hegde to my client. My client has lost the above said original documents while travelling in BTS Bus at H S R Layout, Agara Bus Stop. I have given police complaint also.

I request the General Public, if anyone found the above said documents, please hand over the same to the under mentioned Advocate.

Address:
V. Viswanatha Reddy, B.Com., LL.B.
Shop No. 2, 2nd Floor, Near Ganesha Temple,
Above Mannapuram Gold, Begur Main Road,
Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068.
Mob : 98451 00147 Date : 25.02.2026

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II, AT BAGALORE
New Premises at 4th Floor, Telephone House Building,Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

Original Application No. 897/2023

Between: Canara Bank ...Applicant
And
M/s. Chamundeshwari Industries (Prop. Kalavathi) ....Defendants

SUMMONS /NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To:
1. M/s. Chamundeshwari Industries, Prop. : Smt. Kalavathi , No. 4, K. No. 112/ 117/111, G. B. Palya, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 068, PAN - IDVPK7357G

2. Smt. Kalavathi W/o. Krishnappa, Gadasahali, Shivanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramnagar, Karnataka - 562 117.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application/interloctory application under Section 19 of Recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.21,51,183.50/-** with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **09.03.2026 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **27.01.2026.**

Sd/- Signature of the Officer
(Authorised to issue Summons)
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2, Bangalore

Advocate for the applicant:(Vignesh Shetty)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Roopa.C W/o Ananth.Y R/a. # 2554/1/5, 24th Ward, Bestarapete, Doddaballapura - 561203.

We hereby declare that my client has Lost the below mentioned Original Title deeds Near D.Cross, Doddaballapura, on 25th February 2026.

The Document of title Original Title deeds with respect to Site No.1, and New E-Khatha PID No.1-8-641-59/A measuring (44X60) feet situated at Gangadharapura, Doddaballapura Town, Sale Deed executed by H.Anandh in favor of R.Lalitha, bearing Doc No.1101/2000-01 dated 30/06/2000, registered in the office of the SRO, Doddaballapura, Further Police complaint has been lodged on 25/02/2026 in Online bearing Lost Report.No.2081276/2026 to this effect which has been duly acknowledged. The above Public Notice is now issued. Any person having claim/in possession of the said document may represent to the under signed within **14 days** failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.

A.Prashanth, Advocate
No.3755, SAMPRATHI, DESHADAPETE
Doddaballapur Town-561203. Mob : 9886628181.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby Given to the Public at large that we, **N.D. Ramesh** aged about 47 years and **N.D. Ravi Kumar** aged about 42 years both sons of late Dodda Kempanna, residing at Naraganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, **(Owner),** have lost/ misplaced the original title document i.e., **Saguvali Chit dated 31.03.1962 bearing No. LND: SR-1-:460/1961-62** issued by the Amildar, Devanahalli which records that Dodda Kempaiah was granted a portion of Survey No. 69 measuring about 4 Acres with regard to all that piece and parcel of agricultural lands bearing (a) Survey No. 97/2 measuring 01 Acre 01 ¼ Guntas **("Item No.1")** and (b) Survey No. 97/3 measuring 01 Acre 01 ¼ Guntas **("Item No.2")**. Item Nos. 1 & 2 measuring about 02 Acres 02 ½ Guntas both situated at Naraganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District **("Said Property")** and that till date the same is not traceable despite diligent search.

We have filed a complaint bearing No. 2071964/2026 intimating the loss of the above said original title document of the Said Property with the Crime Branch, Bangalore Rural Police on 19.02.2026 and have requested the jurisdictional police to return the original title document in the event of the same being traced or someone delivering the same to the Police. Any person or persons having found the original title document or asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the Said Property or any part thereof, in any manner whatsoever or having any claim against the Said Property or the documents thereof or against the Owners or objecting to such transaction, should write to the undersigned within **Fifteen days** from the date of issuance of this notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Said Property or any part thereof, after which period we shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Said Property.

N D Ravikumar C/o Doddakempanna
No.16, Naraganahalli, Kundana Post,
Devanahalli Taluk-562110. **Mobile: 99807 25209.**
Place: Bangalore Date: 26-02-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is being notice of general public that our clients **Smt. Sathya Ranna** W/O Sri. Ranna Malali Vasanthakumar, Aged about 55 years and **Sri. Ranna Malali Vasanthakumar,** S/O Sri, Malali vasanthakumar, Both are residing at "Hacienda Farm", Sy. No 110/12, Cauveri Nagar, B.M. Kaval Village, Tataguni, off Kanakapura Road, Bangalore-560 0 62 purchased the Schedule property from its owner **Sri. Jayarama.P** S/o late. Sri.Papaiah. aged 59 years, Residing at # 50, **Kanakapura Main Road,** Near Yelachenahalli bus stop, J.P.Nagar Bangalore-560 078, **Aadhar No. 6729 6597 5685.**

Any persons Claiming to have any right, title or interest in and over the Schedule Property or any part thereof Details below or has any objection to the proposed purchase of the Schedule property , should lodge his or her Claim or objections, if any, in writing, supported by authentic documentary evidence to the undersigned, **within Seven days** from the Date of publication of this notice, if no claims Are received within the stipulated period it shall be presumed that there is no claim in respect of the schedule property and received after the expiry of the above stipulated period will not be binding on our client in any manner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the building **Property #50,** Bearing old Katha No.82, (New katha No.21) Situated at **Yelachenahalli Village, Uttrahalli Hobli, Bangalore South, Taluk** New Katha #19/2/28/50 E-Asthi No. 9963738442, Ward No: 186, Jaraganahalli, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring **East to west 75 feet and North to South 24 feet, and total measuring 1800 Sq Feet, and 167.2 Sq . meter (with 1 Stilt + 1 Ground + 2 total measuring 745.2 Sq (Meter) Total super Built up area 8020 Sq Feet** and Bounded on the **East By:** Building Belonging to Muniram, **West By :** Road, **North By:** House Belonging to Puttaswamy, **South By:** House Belonging to muniram.

Sowmya R.
Advocate & Senior Associate
Singhania & Co.LLP,
204-A, Mittal Tower, # 6, M. G. Road,
Bangalore-560001 **M: 9448507008**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that, my clients intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **Mr. H. VASUDEV,** Son of Mr. Hukamchand, Aged about 76 Years and **Mrs. ASMITHA SANTOSH** W/o Santosh Kumar, Aged about 45 Years, Residing at No.1001, "A" Wing Sheddar, Godrej Woodshan Estate, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru 560024.

Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the below mentioned property may lodge their objection/s and/or claim/s with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence **within Seven Days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claim/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client or his nominees will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claims/ objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immoveable Property of the House Site bearing **House List No. 40 & 41,** Katha No. 182A, **PID No. 100-445-4,** formed in Survey No. 39, situated at Geddalahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Previous Corporation Ward No. 100, New Ward No. 19, **Near K.E.B Layout, Ashwathnagar, 1st Main Road, Geddalahalli, Bengaluru** measuring to an extent **East to West: 40 x 37 /2 Feet and North to South: 12.2 x 11.3/2 Feet, totally measuring 1480 Square Feet (137.5 Square Meters) with 10 Squares of Residential Building,** and bounded on as follows:

East by: Main Road; **West by:** Conservancy;
North by: Road; **South by:** Property No. 39;

Ravi H.S
HSR Vakils, Advocates
No. 477, 2nd Floor, 12th Cross,
Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560 027.
Mob: 9886677303 / 9035077303
Place: Bengaluru Date: 26.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sri. Rajesh Bandakkanavar and Smt. Shruthi.N are intending to purchase the immovable property mentioned in the schedule hereto, from its present owners (1).Smt. Chaya Murthy, aged 77 years, W/o. late M.S. Rama Murthy (2). Sri. M.R. Bhaskaraged 48 years, S/o. late M.S. Rama Murthy & (3). Sri. M.R. Ravi Shankar, aged 45 years, S/o. late M.S. Rama Murthy, all residing at No.18, "Mythri", 6th Cross, J.P. Layout, LIC Colony, III Block (East), Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560 011.

Any person/s, financial institutions / banks / societies and the general public whomsoever claiming an interest / right / title / claim in respect of the schedule or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or objections or otherwise of whatsoever nature are hereby required to make the same known in writing along with copies of documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. In the event, no such claim is received, it shall be deemed that the property is free from any acts of encumbrances or claims, whatsoever and my client will proceed with the transaction with the owner as if no such claims exists or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of immovable residential property bearing No.JP-18, New Municipal No.6, New Nos.18/JP-6, No.18/JP-6-1 & No.18/JP-6-2, BBMP EPID Nos:4362837403, 8675843098 & 2424602883, situated at "Mythri", 6th Cross, LIC Colony, Jeevan Prakash Layout, III Block (East), Jayanagar, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 45 Feet, together with construction consisting of Ground, First and Second Floor, and bounded on the:-

East by	Site No.17;
West by	Site No.19;
North by	Site No.29;
South by	Road:

H.V. CHANDRASHEKAR, Advocate,
No.38/2, 2nd Floor, N.A.T. Street,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004. Ph: 9740083659.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA DEPARTMENT OF HORTICULTURE

INVITATION OF APPLICATIONS
ESTABLISHMENT OF OIL PALM FACTORIES IN TELANGANA
NOTIFICATION

Telangana is one of the biggest producers of Palm Oil in the Country. There is tremendous potential for Oil Palm development in Telangana. Government of Telangana has already allotted factory zones to 30 districts of the state for establishment of Oil Palm factories. Now the Government of Telangana has decided to invite applications for allotment of factory zones for Oil palm cultivation in the following Districts.

Sl.No.	District	Area identified (hectrares)
1	Kumarambheem Asifabad	12221

Under Oil palm (Regulation of Production and Processing) Act 1993, Government is empowered to allot factory zones in favour of Agencies selected for Oil Palm area expansion and setting up of Oil palm processing units. Interested Firms / Companies / Co-operatives desirous of setting up of Oil Palm Processing unit may download the application form from the website **http://horticulture.tg.nic.in** from 26.02.2026. The filledin application form to be submitted in the Oil palm Section, O/o. Director of Horticulture, Public Gardens, Hyderabad - 500004 on or before 10.03.2026, 5.00 PM by paying an amount of Rs.20,000/- (Non-refundable) towards application fee and Security deposit of Rs.1,00,000/- through separate DDs in favour of Secretary, SHN, Payable at Hyderabad. Applications may also be obtained from Oil palm Section, O/o. Director of Horticulture, Public Gardens, Hyderabad - 500004 on all working days from 17.03.2026 onwards, between 10.30 AM to 5.00 PM, by paying an amount of Rs.20,000/- (Non-refundable) through DD in favour of Secretary, SHN, Payable at Hyderabad. Last date for submission of completely filled in applications is 10.03.2026, 5.00 PM.

Sd/-Director of Horticulture,
Telangana State

DIPR R.O.No.1217-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt:25-02-2026

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
KORAMANGALA BRANCH

586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block,
Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School
Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
koramangala@canfinhomes.com
Tel: 080-41112879, Mob:7625079131/7625079457
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 9 (1)]

E-Auction SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold by holding E-Auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **18/03/2026**, for recovery of **Rs. 68,09,045/-** (Rupees Sixty Eight Lakh Nine Thousand and Fourty Five Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Gangadhara K and Mrs. Puttaningamma (Borrowers) and Mr. Babu H (Guarantor)**, as on 25/02/2026, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price will be **Rs. 51,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.5,10,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Ten Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing a Vacant Site No.47, carved out of Converted Sy.No.14/5 measuring 0-10 Guntas duly converted from agricultural to Non-agricultural residential purpose vide order bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)40/1994-95, dated 27.08.1994 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore and Converted Sy.No.13/8 measuring 0-10 Guntas duly converted from agricultural to Non-agricultural residential purpose vide order bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)37/1994-95, dated 10.08.1994 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore, Situated at GOTTIGERE VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, ward No.194, Gottigere. Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all totally measuring 1200 Sq.Ft., and bounded on the **East by** Site bearing No.48**, West by** Site bearing No.46, **North by** Site bearing No.50 and **South by** Road.

Known Encumbrances if any : NIL

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com).Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx

Link for participating in e-auction : www.bankeauctionwizard.com

Place: Bangalore
Date: 25.02.2026

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing, Kancheepuram

IIITD&M Kancheepuram
(An Institute of National Importance under Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)
Melakottaiyur, Vandalur-Kelambakkam Road,
Chennai – 600 127, Tamil Nadu

TENDER NOTICE

IIITDM Kancheepuram invites Online Bids (e-tender through CPPP) for the following work:

Name of the Work : Rendering Third-Party Quality Assurance Services (TPQAS) for the Construction of the Boys Hostel (G+14) at IIITDM Kancheepuram.

Tender No. & Date : IIITDM/2025-26/ENGG/ CIVIL/012; Dt: 23.02.2026

Last Date & Time for Submission : 19.03.2026 at 15:00 Hrs.

Tender documents and further details are available on the CPP Portal and the Institute website **www.iiitdm.ac.in**.

REGISTRAR

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

Chola Enter a better life
Corporate Office: " CHOLA CREST " C 54 & 55, Super B – 4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600032
Branch Address:Municipal No.45 (Old Nos. 45and 45-1) Second Floor Lalbagh Road Bangalore - 560027.

POSSESSION NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken **symbolic possession** of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules made there under.The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstandingincluding all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

Sl No [A]	Name & Address of Borrower/ Loan A/c [B]	Date of Demand notice [C]	Outstanding Amount [D]	Details of Property [E]	Date of Possession [F]
1)	Loan A/c No.ML01BTB00000068690 1.Joseph Sanjay Anthony Swamy 2.Claritac: Both are at: No.630, 1st Floor, 5th Main, 1st Cross Kullappa Circle, St.Thomas Town, Kammanahalli, Bangalroe, Karnataka - 560084.	15-12-2025	Rs. 26,42,346/- as on 15-12-2025 and interest thereon	All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.10, House List Khatha No.108/1, situated at Chelekere Village @ Meghanapalya, K.R.PuramHobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet and along with building constructed thereon and **bounded on:** East by: Site No.9, West by: 18 Feet Road, North by: Private Property, South by: Site No.11.	21.02.2026

Date : 24.02.2026
Place: Bangalroe

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S. No	Branch	Loan A/c No(s)	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of Demand Notice	Amount Outstanding	Date of Possession Taken	Description of the Property/ies mortgaged:
1	Jaya Nagar	0019666 0004437	Mr. Ruchir Maheshwari and Mrs. Deepali Maheshwari	18/11/ 2025	Rs.75,76,223/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Sixty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty Eight Only) as on 18-11-2024	20-02-2026 (Symbolic Possession)	"SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY ""All that piece and parcel of converted lands bearing Sy. Nos. 15/4, 19/1, 19/4, 19/5,19/6,19/7,19/8,19/9,19/10,19/11,19/12,19/13,19/14,19/16,20/2,18/1,43/1,45/1,45/2,48/4B,54&58,55,58, all situated at Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village (measuring 18 Acres 8 Guntas) and Kothanur Village (measuring 26 Acres 16.5 Guntas), K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore in all measuring 44 Acres and 24.5 guntas including an extent of 5 (five) acres 32 (thirty two) guntas or 23,459.71 (twenty three thousand four hundred fifty nine point seven one) square meters relinquished in favour of BDA. ""SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY""Residential Apartment Flat bearing No. J 303 in the Block J in Third Floor of the Apartment building known as ""Mantri Webcity"" having a super built up area of 1260 Sq.ft., including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., along with one car parking space, together with undivided share of the land comprised in Building. "

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EDITORIAL

"I've often noticed that we are not able to look at what we have in front of us, unless it's inside a frame" — Abbas Kiarostami

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— Ramnath Goenka

POLITICAL OVERREACTION DISTRACTING FROM AI SUMMIT'S SUBSTANCE

A disproportionate display of State power has followed a distasteful display of dissent. When a group of Youth Congress workers took off their tshirts at the AI Impact Summit in Delhi last week to protest against the India-US trade deal, they disrupted an international event at which even some Congress leaders were eagerly courting capital and technology. The Delhi police slapped charges of criminal conspiracy, hurting a public servant, disobedience of public order and unlawful assembly on the four Youth Congress workers arrested; a fifth was booked later outside Delhi. But while seeking an extension of their police custody on Tuesday, when they added the more serious charges of rioting and provoking others to riot, the administration overreacted, turning what should have been a slap on the wrist for an embarrassing disruption into a muzzling of political dissent.

At a time when the space for protest is being cramped by governments and it's difficult to be heard above the daily din of social media rage-baiting, it's only fair to be creative with the mode of protest. But a sense of proportion and place can be asked of the principal national opposition party. They could have drawn attention by hosting a parallel conclave or using technology to project their dissatisfaction. On the other hand, if the government keeps reducing the space for exercising the constitutional right to protest, it can hardly blame the other side for colouring outside the drawn lines; they did, and still do, much the same when on the opposition benches.

In the middle, the era-defininingtransformation and anxiety brought about by artificial intelligence—which participants and visitors thronged the summit to discuss and understand—slipped from the top of the headlines. It was as if both political parties were addressing their own domestic constituencies at an international event attended by the top leaders of more than a dozen countries and chief executives of more than a hundred companies. While the ruling party's ministers were busy singing panegyrics to their leadership's vision for the technology, those from the opposition were pointing away from AI. In their attempts to shine a light on themselves, our politicians let this unique opportunity pass without the common Indian understanding the far-reaching impact of AI in a clearer manner. And that could yet turn out to be a debilitating lacuna.

CROWD CONTROL MUST BE A STRENGTH, NOT FRAILTY

WITH the next IPL season set to begin on March 26, the Karnataka government is scrambling to ensure that Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium hosts the opening match. Looking to shake off the shadow of the tragic stampede that claimed 11 lives and turned the Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL victory roadshow last June into a disaster, the government has allowed the Karnataka State Cricket Association to resume matches at the stadium and set March 15 as the deadline for complying with 17 safety measures recommended by a judicial commission.

The stampede provided the impetus for bringing in the Karnataka Crowd Control (Managing Crowd At Events And Venues Of Mass Gathering) Bill, 2025. The Karnataka High Court, which has taken up petitions on the issue, ordered that until the Bill is enacted the government must enforce standard operating procedures for crowd management with help from experts.

In most cases, stampedes result from misreading the situation followed by mismanagement. In Bengaluru, an open social media invitation and lack of planning compounded the disaster as more than a lakh frenzied fans sought to enter a stadium that can seat only around 40,000. Whether in Tamil Nadu's Karur last September, Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj last January or at the New Delhi railway station last February, each deadly stampede exposes the challenges of crowd control amid mass frenzy. Nearly always, a blame game follows. In Bengaluru, top police officials were suspended, FIRs were filed against RCB, the event managers and the KSCA. The stadium was closed while the government, which had actively participated in the felicitation, washed its hands of the affair.

The Justice D'Cunha Committee set up in the wake suggested 17 short- and long-term safety measures. The SOPs include submission of applications detailing size of gathering and crowd management plan; role of the organiser and police; permissions from various authorities; restrictions on social media posts and handling of rumours. The stadium is being fitted out with better emergency safety facilities and services. It is also important for the authorities to harness technology for crowd movement analysis and control, and deploy trained personnel with expertise in group dynamics to ensure disciplined movement. This should be a specialisation in the most populous country on the planet, not a tragic weakness exposed time and again.

QUICK TAKE

TECH TRANSFER WITH A BITE

IF recent medical advances reported from Brazil and Singapore hold true, turning mosquitoes on other mosquitoes could be an extremely effective way of fighting the scourges of malaria and dengue. Male mosquitoes infected with the Wolbachia bacteria end up fathering sterile eggs when they mate with female mosquitoes because of an induced cytoplasmic incompatibility. A recent study in Singapore resulted in an almost three-fourths drop in mosquito population in the study area. Last year, Brazil inaugurated the largest biofactory to breed such mosquitoes in Curitiba. India, which has some of the most alarming incidences of dengue and chikungunya in the world, must collaborate to bring these bio-fighters to the country. That's a 'technology transfer' we need sooner than most others.

New Delhi's relationship with Tel Aviv has transformed phenomenally in recent years to become a strategic bridge. But there are other ties in the region India can ill afford to ignore

DO NOT UPROOT INDIA'S WEST ASIA MOORINGS

M K BHADRAKUMAR

Former diplomat

MANDAR PARDIKAR

NAVIGATING geopolitical shoals is tricky business in international diplomacy. Realism prevails. But it is not as if actions become a matter of expediency and subject to personal whims and fancies, or that morality and legality of actions become irrelevant. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's overnight visit to Israel is a case in point. The visit is untimely, unwarranted and out of sync with regional and international politics. It is taking place at a time when the fog of war is descending on the state of Israel.

The ministry of external affairs did not give a briefing on the visit. Perhaps, public accountability for foreign policy actions is no longer required. Or, perhaps, the geopolitical headwinds unnerve Delhi.

What we know about the visit came from Tel Aviv. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu personally undertook the media management, calling Modi a 'personal friend', which is rather strange at that level. Netanyahu is a skilled and experienced diplomat and is very focused on what he seeks to extract out of anyone. Quite obviously, at a time when the world avoids socialising with Netanyahu, Modi's visit came like celestial manna to the beleaguered Israeli leader who is in a crucial election cycle that may take him to prison unless he retains immunity in office from prosecution. It is Howdy Modi 2.0. But why should it be obligatory on Modi's part?

The India-Israel relationship has phenomenally transformed through the Modi years as one of Delhi's most strategic partnerships. For Israel, the more it gets shunned internationally, the more it needs to hold India's hands. Delhi has no qualms that Israel is an exceptionally brutal genocidal state, which is antithetical to India's ancient values of compassion and forgiveness. Israel violates international law with impunity. But Delhi is so opportunistic that Indian diplomats at the UN dithered at the recent voting on the Israeli plan to annex West Bank territory. They played safe by abstaining but signed up the very next day on the final statement. The flip-flop exposed Indian policy as unprincipled.

Today, adherence to international law and the UN charter is a hot-button issue as Trump's 'armada' gathers around the Persian Gulf. These are extraordinary times. At the recent Munich Security Conference, the US Secretary of State Marco Rubio invoked the 'white man's burden' of the colonial era to deliver an encomium to five centuries of the West's "missionaries, its pilgrims, its soldiers, its explorers, pouring out from its shores to cross oceans, settle new continents, build vast empires extending out across the globe". European elites who came to listen gave Rubio a standing ovation. Such is the bizarre world we live in. Israel itself is blithely invoking *Genesis* to stake claim to all the lands between the Nile and the Euphrates.

There is a high probability that the US and Israel will attack Iran to advance a regime change agenda. This could happen close to Modi addressing the Knesset. Netanyahu thoughtfully proposed the flattering idea with a purpose. Again, according to Netanyahu, India would sign up to a so-called 'Hexagon of Alliance'—a proposed network of allied countries in or around West Asia that collectively stand against what he termed "radical" adversaries.

The Times of Israel quoted Netanyahu as saying, "In the vision I see before me, we will create an entire system, essentially a hexagon of alliances around or within West Asia." The visionary Israeli PM thereupon singled out India, Greece and Cyprus as the core participants of a civilisational alliance that shares similar strategic concerns.

Netanyahu let the cat out of the bag by also elaborating that this bloc would stand in opposition to what he described as "radical axes" in the region, including the "radical Shia axis" as well as what he visualises as an "emerging radical Sunni axis". One doesn't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that Netanyahu hopes to team up with India against Turkey and Saudi Arabia. He must have heard somewhere that the Modi government is upset with Ankara's stance on Kashmir and with Riyadh over its defence pact with Pakistan.

What Netanyahu is looking for is an anti-Islamic alliance. He feels encouraged that during Modi's last visit to Israel, he identified Hindutva with Zionism. Netanyahu hopes that Modi will now take a giant leap of faith to pit India against Islam. In sheer naïveté, Netanyahu anticipates that Modi would find the idea irresistible. From his perspective, it might more than substitute for the moribund Abraham Accords, which was expected to foster Israel's integration into its Muslim neighbourhood and mitigate to some extent its regional isolation. But what gains would the wonder that was India get out of such a confrontational alliance?

Netanyahu realises that the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, which sought to strengthen economic development by enhancing trade links and infrastructure connectivity between India, the Gulf region and Europe, won't fly. Saudi Arabia has turned its back on Israel and has begun exploring an alternative route via Syria, bypassing Israel's Haifa. Simply put, the Haifa port, which was once touted by Delhi as India's counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative, has turned out to be a white elephant. Its uncertain future is tied to the success of Trump's Riviera project in Gaza. (India, interestingly, attended Trump's Board of Peace event as an 'observer'.) Netanyahu's ingenuity lies in enticing Delhi to turn its back on Iran's Chabahar, which potentially connects with the International North-South Transportation Corridor leading to Europe.

The government is skating on thin ice by teaming up with Israel's regional rivalries. There is a growing perception that India is 'tilting' towards the UAE in its brewing rivalry with Saudi Arabia. Delhi traditionally followed a careful policy of neutrality vis-a-vis the rivalries endemic to the Gulf. Make no mistake that Saudi Arabia remains the custodian of the two holy mosques and leads the Islamic world, and is a pivotal player in the global energy market. The UAE is a dynamic trading hub and potential investor.

We need friendship with both countries. Strategic autonomy, multi-alignment and balanced partnerships serve India's interests, which are poles apart from Israel's. The Modi era too will pass into history, but India will continue to live in its region.

(Views are personal)

A NEW FRAMEWORK TO BOOST NEP

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THE Indian higher education system has a crucial role in achieving the twin goals of economic prosperity and socio-cultural development. It is not new for India to lead the world in such outcomes. After all, Bharat's ancient higher education centres such as Nalanda, Takshashila and Vikramshila were the forebears of modern universities.

The combined focus on holistic, scientific and value education made these universities global centres of learning. There was a well-knit link between education and economic prosperity, eventually leading to socio-cultural development. However, the Indian higher education system had drifted in recent centuries.

Today, when India is poised to become the third largest economy, the need to link higher education with socio-cultural development has come back on the government's agenda. The National Education Policy 2020 offers the ingredients for transforming higher education and achieving the milestone of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. Thus, NEP 2020 can link our glorious past with the promising future envisioned by the Prime Minister.

At the time of independence, India had about 20 universities and 500 colleges. Today, it has one of the largest higher education systems with about 1,170 universities and more than 50,000 colleges focusing on teaching and research in almost all fields.

Yet, India's relatively low gross enrolment ratio (GER) has been identified as a challenge, especially when the country is bestowed with a large youth population. Even the proposed increase in GER from the present 28 percent to 50 percent by 2035 may be inadequate for a country with such a growing young population. Moreover, increasing GER in itself will not be a solution given the current challenges of not being able to produce employable graduates. Therefore, the quality of education offered must not only make them employable, but also enable them to get mainstreamed into society.

Higher education institutions have a growing role in promoting research and enabling industrialisation through technology transfers. In addition, promoting Indian knowledge systems, cultural development, value education and engaging with the community will have significant roles in the overall development of the nation.

Thus, NEP 2020 focuses on the ambidextrous goals of increasing GER while simultaneously improving the quality of education, research and societal engagement.

The broader vision of higher education for a Viksit Bharat demands a progressive governance model. Configuring a nationwide model to ensure access, equity and inclusion as well as quality is of paramount importance. It involves developing a unified approach for transforming higher educational institutions into large multi-disciplinary institutions, promoting India as an education destination, and integrating and promoting Bharatiya knowledge.

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The Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan Bill proposes a new governance system that can give wings to the National Education Policy 2020 with greater institutional coherence. It aims to foster cooperative governance while focusing on impact-based accreditation, keeping stakeholder priorities in sight

Thus far, the absence of an appropriate governance model has limited the scope for leveraging the full potential of NEP 2020 and achieving success in its early years.

The recently-introduced Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhishthan (VBSA) Bill proposes to change this with three new councils: for regulation, accreditation and setting standards. The Bill primarily focuses on unification, harmony and autonomy, the basic governance aspects required for achieving NEP 2020's vision.

The higher-education system is poised to become more multi-disciplinary in the near future. A relatively large institution now has to deal with multiple agencies for approval, extension and increase in intake. The unification of three agencies into a single one will offer standardisation of procedures, making the system robust and responsive.

While these entities are brought together, there is a need to group the similar activities performed by them. As per global practices, it is not desirable to have a single entity dealing with regulation, standards and accreditation. Separation of these functions will ensure effectiveness and specialisation in line with the best of the world. In the case of accreditation, its separation from other two functions is all the more important for assuring quality.

The three councils are expected to work autonomously. However, based on the need for understanding the common requirements, the Bill proposes to have the presidents of the councils as the commission's members, thus ensuring harmony.

There is an ongoing debate on centralisation of higher education governance. The proposed recentralised structure deals with the problem by combining the best of both centralisation and decentralisation. Recentralisation is not about retaining the complex and rigid structure that existed. It advocates a decentralised governance model where independent councils operate autonomously to achieve common goals through the central commission.

The federated structure with members from diverse backgrounds is a uniqueness of the Bill. The commission and the verticals will have representation from the states and state universities.

The new accreditation system requires that all higher educational institutions attain full accreditation and autonomy in a graded manner. The outcomes created for the students, industry and community by these autonomous institutions will be a cornerstone of the transformation.

The Accreditation Council will develop an outcome- and impact-based institutional framework in consultation with stakeholders. Thus, quality assurance to stakeholders through accreditation outcomes will be made compulsory.

In sum, the VSBA Bill as the lifeline of NEP 2020 is set to transform Indian higher education with public-spirited autonomous institutions. *(Views are personal)*

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Stressed MSMEs

Ref: *More needed beyond Budget proposals* (Feb 25). MSMEs continue to struggle under shrinking margins, erratic demand and chronic liquidity stress. What they require is structural reassurance—strict enforcement of payment timelines, easier restructuring options for stressed loans and decentralised credit appraisal that understands local business realities.
Narayanan Kizhumundayur, Thrissur

Tribal rights

Ref: *Reconsider decision to close forest rights cells* (Feb 25). There is a contradiction in Odisha government's March 31 closure deadline and ordering pending claims' redress in the same breath. For the sake of satisfactory claim settlements, the government should phase the process out over a longer period.
N Rama Rao, Chennai

Racism awareness

Ref: *Disunity in diversity* (Feb 25).
As a northeasterner living in Bengaluru, I believe we need greater awareness and strict action to stop discrimination. Respect for diversity must be a priority. The incident is a clear case of racial prejudice that goes against our constitutional ethos.
Ritika Rai, Bengaluru

AI hopes

Ref: *India's AI moment* (Feb 25). As the summit concludes, it's time to count our blessings and ensure that the AI revolution is not used for destructive purposes. With nations beefing up defence expenditures, the technological marvel should contrarily be used only for the welfare of humanity.
V Padmanabhan, email

Helpless workers

Ref: *Job crisis* (Feb 25). My daughter has started working in the IT sector. What will be her future? Her work is already very stressful and demanding. AI seems to have opened a Pandora's box. It's like being in a train hurtling towards a disaster and being able to do nothing about it.
C S Baskaran, Tiruchirappalli

Andhra's turn

Ref: *The Keralam story gets cabinet's nod* (Feb 25). While we welcome the native name for hitherto Kerala, the people of Andhra should demand the deletion of 'Pradesh'. While it's a Hindi suffix, Telugu is an *ajanta bhasha* with almost all of its words ending in a vowel. Similar appeals have long gone unheard.
U Atreya Sarma, Hyderabad

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Abhishek Singhvi @DrAMSinghvi
If the Trade Deal with America compromises the interests of farmers, the textile industry, and the sovereignty of our data, then raising questions is not treason

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The demolition action carried out without notice in Ayodhya is illegal and malicious. The government and administration must take cognizance.

Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari
When national red lines become negotiable, institutions weaken and public trust erodes. History deserves honest reflection—not selective memory.

BJP president blames Rahul for meeting 'anti-India people' ● Country always stood for human rights, says Cong MP

'Nehru-Gandhi kin on compromise mission'

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

THE BJP president, Nitin Nabin, on Wednesday levelled allegations against the Nehru-Gandhi family, saying the family prioritised personal and foreign interests over national welfare. He accused the Gandhi family of pursuing a 'mission of compromise'.

Describing Lok Sabha LoP Rahul Gandhi as a puppet of foreign powers, Nabin claimed the Congress MP goes abroad and meets anti-India people and does cheap politics in India at their behest. He alleged that institutions linked to Congress, including the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, had received funding from China and other foreign countries.

Addressing a press conference, the newly elected national president of the party alleged that the Congress first family's interests were placed above national interests and claimed that former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru ceded India's rights in Tibet to China in 1954 without any compensation. He said that Nehru once described 45 crore Indians as a "problem" as his decisions harmed national interests.

Referring to former PM Rajiv Gandhi's tenure, Nitin alleged that defence deals were used for personal gain during that time. He also claimed that defence services were used to fill private bank accounts.

Calling Congress MP Rahul Gandhi a "puppet of foreign powers," the BJP leader claimed that Congress's electoral history had allegedly been influenced by CIA funding. He asserted that Rahul made more than 247 foreign trips, many of which were not reported to security agencies. He also questioned meetings with foreign leaders, including Democratic Representative Ilhan Omar and investor George Soros. Nabin alleged that between 2004 and 2014, Sonia Gandhi, through the National Advisory Council (NAC), acted as a "super prime minister" and ran a parallel government. He claimed that during this period, the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation received funding from the Chinese government and George Soros' network.

BJP president said that the country's youth wanted to move forward with a positive mindset, adding that it would be a matter of concern if attempts were made to mislead them.

People aware of issues

He said that the country's people were vigilant about issues of national interest and would choose leadership that prioritised national interests in the future. He also stated that people of the country would punish the Nehru-Gandhi family for its 'compromise mission'. Nabin arrived on Tuesday evening in Darbhanga.

PM must talk of Gaza in Israel, says Priyanka

Left parties condemn

Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPM) said that PM Modi's visit to Israel is a betrayal of Palestinian cause and legitimises "murderous" Netanyahu regime. While the CPI termed the trip as "another act of moral bankruptcy", the CPML said that it was a "disgraceful act of complicity in the ongoing genocidal assault".

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

ASSERTING that India has stood for what is right throughout its history as an independent nation, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday hoped that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would raise the issue of the genocide in Gaza during his address to the Knesset and demand justice for the people there. Her remarks came ahead of Modi's departure for Israel on a two-day visit.

In a post on X, Gandhi said she hoped Modi would mention the killing of thousands of innocent men, women and children in Gaza while addressing the Israeli Parliament and demand justice for them.

She said India has traditionally upheld principles of justice and human rights on the global stage and should continue to do so by speaking out on the situation in Gaza.

The Congress MP from Wayanad said the country must continue to show the light of truth, peace and justice to the world. She added that India has stood for what is right throughout its history as an independent nation and must continue to do so.

The opposition Indian National Congress also attacked the government over the visit. Party general secretary Jairam Ramesh said that while the world is criticising Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Modi would demonstrate moral reluctance.

"On May 20, 1960, Jawaharlal Nehru was in Gaza and met with the Indian contingent deployed in the UN Emergency Force there. On November 29, 1981, India issued a commemorative postage stamp expressing solidarity with Palestine. On November 18, 1988, India formally recognized the State of Palestine. That was a different era. Now, India's Prime Minister is openly displaying his closeness to the Israeli Prime Minister—who has turned Gaza into rubble and dust and is fully scheming to expand illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank," he wrote on X.

Ramesh alleged that the prime minister is displaying closeness to his Israeli counterpart even as Gaza lies in ruins and tensions continue in the West Bank. He said the government has abandoned the Palestinians despite claiming support for their cause.

MPs' panel likely to discuss law to recall PM, CMs with Oppn

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

A parliamentary panel chaired by BJP MP Aparajita Sarangi on Wednesday heard the views of the State of Madhya Pradesh, which expressed full support for The Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, 2025 that seeks to introduce a constitutional mechanism for removing the prime minister, chief ministers or other ministers if they are arrested and remanded in custody for serious criminal offences carrying a sentence of five years or more.

Appearing before the committee, the Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh said the state was "in full agreement with the provisions of the proposed legislation". Sources said the panel will now reach out to opposition-ruled states. Invitations are expected to be sent to Karnataka and Telangana to present their positions.

Members also suggested calling Kerala, governed by the CPI(M)-led LDF, and West Bengal, ruled by the All India Trinamool Congress, to ensure "a wider and balanced consultation process".

Rajasthan had earlier presented its views through its Chief Secretary, endorsing the principal provisions of the proposed law.

"Almost all members felt opposition-ruled states must be heard," a source said, describing the mood as broadly consultative.

Representatives of PRS Legislative Research and the Indian Law Institute also deposed before the panel, offering technical and legal suggestions.

Sarangi noted that this was the sixth sitting of the committee and confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled for March 10. So far, 14 organisations and two states have appeared. Rajasthan had earlier endorsed the principal provisions through its Chief Secretary.

The Joint Committee, which is also examining related amendment Bills concerning Jammu and Kashmir and Union Territories, has resolved to consult experts.

Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan endorse proposed law

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BSF to replace human surveillance with AI-powered monitoring system

SUMIT KUMAR SINGH @ New Delhi

AIMED to revolutionise the border management system, the Border Security Force (BSF) is now integrating a cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered "Smart Border Observation & Monitoring System" in the existing infrastructure across borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

This unified platform tells a decisive shift toward a tech-first strategy. It is aimed at securing borders with automated and real-time intelligence while reducing reliance on human-intensive monitoring.

The document accessed by this newspaper says that the blueprints for this next-generation surveillance system were finalised in December, 2025. As per the document, the BSF's objective is to deploy a "Unified AI Platform" capable of running all video analytics—including intrusion detection, traffic analysis, and AI processing for other sensor data—on a single, integrated system.

The system will ingest live video streams directly from existing or new CCTV cameras using RTSP streams or through video management systems.

These streams will be processed in real-time on a Video Analytics Server (VA), enabling immediate analysis and generation of alerts. This automated approach is explicitly designed to "reduce human-intensive efforts at monitoring stations," allowing security personnel to transition from constant screen observation to rapid operational response.

The BSF has established rigorous performance standards to ensure that the AI acts as a reliable sentinel. The system is required to provide "real-time analytics processes with less than 1-2 second response" for a variety of critical security incidents.

The system will automatically detect intrusion and will generate real-time alerts if a camera view is obstructed, flashed by light, moved or blurred and will raise alert when an object is left unattended for more than a set threshold time, and it will also alert about its operational efficiency.

Further, as per the document the standout feature of the system is the "Human-in-the-Loop AI Learning" tool—which will allows users to report, annotate And label mismatched or misreported alerts.

Blueprint finalised in '25

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Regular meets must for FRA implementation

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

TAKING note of inadequate implementation of the Forest Rights Act (FRA) in providing titles to forest dwellers, the tribal affairs ministry has told states to conduct regular meetings at the sub-divisional, district, and state levels to expedite the process of granting titles and submit quarterly reports.

Ranjan Chopra, secretary for the ministry, has written a letter to the states, stating that regular meetings are intended to establish a strong mechanism to expedite the resolution of pending claims related to implementation of FRA.

The FRA of 2006 grants legal rights to forest-dwelling tribal communities and traditional residents over the lands and forests they have inhabited for generations. The law outlines a systematic step-by-step process—at local, district, and state levels—to ensure that forest rights are recognised, verified, approved, and monitored fairly.

"As you are aware, delays in processing claims and addressing field-level implementation issues are often linked to the irregular convening of the statutory committees formed under the Act. Regular and structured meetings of these committees are essential for the expeditious disposal of pending claims, reviewing progress, and resolving ground-level challenges faced by gram sabhas," states the February 24 letter, reviewed by this newspaper.

In light of the increasing pending claims, Chopra has instructed states and union territories to ensure that the sub-divisional level committees and district-level committees meet regularly to review, process, and forward recommendations. As provided in the FRA Rules 2012, the state-level monitoring committees must meet at least once every three months to monitor the recognition, and vesting of rights, address verification issues, and provide quarterly reports.

No permanent teacher for MP tribal univ despite funds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

NINETEEN months after it was established in the tribal- dominated southwestern Madhya Pradesh, the Krantisurya Tantia Bhil University in Khargone has 25,000 students, but no permanent teaching faculties.

"As many as 80 posts of assistant professors, 40 associate professors and 20 professors are sanctioned in the university, but all those are lying vacant. It's not possible to tell the time frame by when these posts will be filled," state's higher education minister Inder Singh Parmar said in a written reply during the budget session of the assembly.

When questioned further, the minister added, "Since the university's recruitment process is presently underway, the government has allocated seven academic posts on deputation, besides 14 faculty positions being filled by the guest teachers." "All the universities have been asked to complete the recruitment process in 4-5 months," the minister maintained.

The university is running undergraduate courses in agriculture, arts, commerce and science, besides postgraduate program in commerce. Academic courses are being run by temporary teaching faculties or teachers on deputation. Even the university's building is not reportedly permanent.

A similar situation reportedly prevails at the Raja Shankar Shah University in Chhindwara district, named after another tribal hero of India's first war of freedom, as all 100 sanctioned teaching posts have been lying vacant.

Recruitment in 4-5 months: Minister

MP education minister Inder Singh Parmar informed the assembly that the all vice chancellors have been to complete recruitment process in 4-5 months in line with the Centre's directive to fill teaching vacancies by June 2026.

Rahul questions PM's Israel visit, reiterates demand to scrap US trade agreement

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

SENIOR Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying more than 24 hours had passed since he challenged the government to withdraw what he termed an "unfair" India–US interim trade agreement, even as the Prime Minister proceeded on an official visit to Israel.

In a post on X in Hindi, Gandhi reiterated his demand that the government scrap the trade arrangement with the United States. He also referred to media reports relating to the "Epstein files", raising questions in that context about the Prime Minister's previous visit to Israel.

In his post, Gandhi remarked that the Prime Minister had earlier visited Israel and questioned the circumstances surrounding the present visit, linking it to his criticism of the trade agreement.

The comments came as Prime Minister Modi began a two-day official visit to Israel.

Responding earlier to media reports citing an email purportedly linked to the "Epstein files" that mentioned the Prime Minister's 2017 visit to Israel, the government had issued a statement on January 31, 2026. The Official Spokesperson said that, apart from the fact of the Prime Minister's official visit to Israel in July 2017, the references in the email were "trashy ruminations by a convicted criminal" and should be dismissed.

Earlier, addressing a "Kisan Mahachaupal", Gandhi alleged that developments related to the Epstein files had influenced the government's decision to sign the trade agreement with the United States, and called on the Prime Minister to reconsider and withdraw from it.

At a separate press conference in New Delhi, Congress media and publicity department head Pawan Khera referred to email exchanges made public in the United States as part of the Epstein files. He sought clarification regarding references to interactions mentioned in those communications.

Oil, sanctions, tariff: India-Russia trade rewired after Ukraine conflict

VISMAY BASU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S crude oil imports from Russia have eased in recent weeks, but the broader trade realignment forged after the Ukraine conflict remains structurally intact.

According to energy analytics firm Kpler, India has imported 1.16 million barrels per day (bpd) of Russian crude so far in February, down from an average 1.71 million bpd in 2025. The moderation, however, comes after three years of extraordinary expansion that reshaped bilateral trade.

India's commercial ties with Russia were fundamentally reconfigured following Ukraine conflict in February 2022. In three financial years, bilateral trade expanded more than five-fold, driven overwhelmingly by discounted Russian crude redirected from Europe to Asia under Western sanctions.

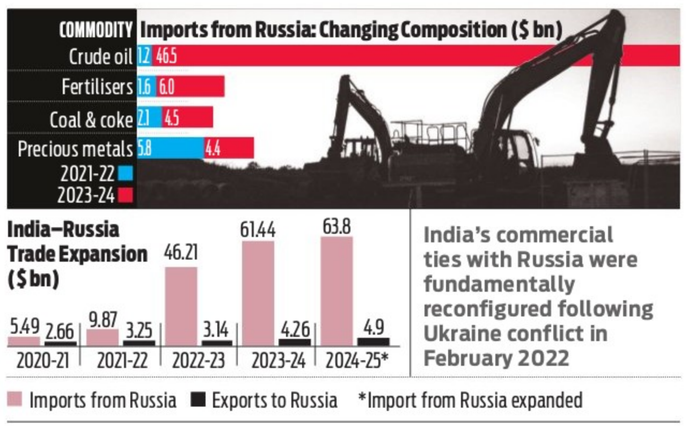
Before the conflict, Russia was a marginal energy partner. In FY2020–21, total trade stood at $8.15 billion. It rose to $13.12 billion in FY2021–22, with

Russia accounting for less than 2% of India's crude basket. The post-invasion sanctions regime altered that trajectory dramatically.

By FY2022-23, India's imports from Russia surged to $46.21 billion, pushing total trade to $49.35 billion. Momentum continued into FY2023-24, with imports climbing to $61.44 billion and total trade reaching a record $65.7 billion. Provisional estimates for FY2024-25 place overall trade between $68 billion and $70 billion.

At its peak, Russia supplied close to 40% of India's crude imports, becoming its largest source. Exports told a different story. India's outbound shipments — pharmaceuticals, machinery, chemicals and agricultural goods — hovered above $4 billion annually, resulting in a record trade deficit exceeding $57 billion in FY2023–24.

The services trade has remained steady in the recent years according to analytics. Both the countries target $50 billion in bilateral investment by 2025. Russian investments in India span areas like energy, petrochemicals, banking, railways and steel.



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'Ghooskhor Pandat': SC judge says don't vilify any community via speeches

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court recently held that it is constitutionally impermissible for anybody, be it the state or non-state actors, through any medium, such as speeches, memes, cartoons, visual arts, etc., to vilify and denigrate any community.

"It will be violative of the Constitution to target any particular community on the basis of religion, language, caste, or region by whosoever he or she may be. This is particularly true for public figures occupying high constitutional office who have taken the solemn oath to uphold the Constitution," said Justice Bhuyan.

He made the observations in his separate order in the petition filed by Atul Mishra, the National Organisation Secretary of the Brahman Samaj of India, through advocate Dr Vinod Kumar Tewari, challenging the Netflix film's title "Ghooskhor Pandat." The plea has sought directions to ban the film from being released or screened in its current form. Justice B V Nagarathna, leading the bench, closed the case after the filmmakers agreed to change the title.

Justice Bhuyan in his separate order, cited the Imran Pratapgarhi case, in which a two-judge bench had said, "75 years into our republic, we cannot be seen to be so shaky on our fundamentals that mere recital of a poem or, for that matter, any form of art or entertainment, such as stand-up comedy, can be alleged to lead to animosity or hatred amongst different communities. Subscribing to such a view would stifle all legitimate expressions of view in the public domain which is so fundamental to a free society."

Justice Bhuyan added that the courts are duty-bound to uphold fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution.

TRAFFICKING

Ranchi Railway Police rescued two girls aged 13 and 16, who were allegedly being trafficked to Delhi on the pretext of work, and arrested a woman, officials said on Wednesday.

3 MEMBERS OF FAMILY DIE BY SUICIDE IN SURAT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	19	Mumbai	30	22
Bhopal	31	18	Panaji	34	20
Jaipur	30	17	Patna	31	15
Amritsar	28	13	Lucknow	30	14
Chennai	31	23	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	30	18	Imphal	28	10
Srinagar	13	02	Chandigarh	29	14

Holds meet on steps to curb infiltration in 7 districts bordering Nepal ● Policy introduced by Shekhawat govt reversed after three decades

Shah takes stock of border security, Bihar demography

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah has shifted focus to illegal foreign infiltration after the reported success of the 'Naxal Mukt Bharat' campaign. On Wednesday, he began a three-day visit to Bihar's Seemanchal region, which shares borders with Nepal and election-bound West Bengal. The visit is centred on strengthening border security and checking infiltration in sensitive districts.

On the first day, Shah chaired a meeting in Kishanganj district with senior officials of security agencies, including the Sashastra Seema Bal and Border Security Force. These agencies guard the porous borders with Nepal and Bangladesh. The meeting focused on measures to curb foreign infiltration in the seven bordering districts of Bihar.

Sources said Shah issued clear directions to the local administration. "First, identify unauthorised occupants and then initiate action. Local administration will assist you in the work," he reportedly told officials. He stressed the need for better coordination between local administrations and law enforcement agencies.

Earlier, he presided over a meeting with officials of the Land Ports Authority of India, which manages border infrastructure. Shah arrived at Purnea airport and went directly to Kishanganj. He was welcomed by senior BJP leaders, including Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai, and Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary.

On the second day, Shah is likely to meet residents of border villages to understand their condition and review the progress of the Vibrant Villages programme aimed at improving infrastructure and stopping migration.

During the visit, the Home Minister will hold review meetings with DMs, SPs and senior officials of seven border districts. He will also meet Chief Secretary Pratyaya Amrit and DGP Vijay Kumar.

Amit Shah being welcomed by Bihar Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary | EXPRESS

Visit 'politically motivated', says Tejashwi

The visit comes amid concerns over infiltration and demographic change in Seemanchal. According to the 2011 Census, Muslims account for 16.87% of Bihar's population, while in Kishanganj they account for 68%. Opposition leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav called the visit "politically motivated" as assembly elections are due in West Bengal.

2-child norm scrapped for Raj panchayat, civic polls

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

BARELY a week after RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat advised all Hindus to have at least three children, the Rajasthan government has scrapped the two-child norm that barred individuals with more than two children from contesting Panchayati Raj and urban local body elections.

The decision, taken at a cabinet meeting, reverses a policy introduced nearly three decades ago under a former BJP government led by the late chief minister Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, to promote smaller families in local governance, and is expected to reshape grassroots politics in the state.

Announcing the move, Law Minister Jogaram Patel said the cabinet has approved the Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Amendment Bill and the Rajasthan Municipal Amendment Bill, 2026.

With proposed changes, the restriction disqualifying those with more than two children from contesting Panchayat and municipal polls will be removed. Under the amendments, any public representative with more than two children will remain eligible to contest.

The move is expected to widen candidate pools and influence strategies ahead of next month's local body elections. Patel said both bills are likely to be introduced and passed during the ongoing Assembly session. He said that the original aim was population control, but the government now believes that the circumstances have changed.

Industry Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore called it a major step, saying people will be free to contest local elections regardless of family size.

He rejected any link to recent remarks by Bhagwat or Dhirendra Shastri, who asked Hindus to raise larger families.

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Champai Soren's grandson found dead in Manali

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

VEER Soren, the 19-year-old grandson of former Jharkhand CM Champai Soren, died on Tuesday under mysterious circumstances while enjoying with his friends in Manali. Veer had gone to Manali, Himachal Pradesh, with friends.

The deceased was the son of Champai Soren's elder son, Babulal Soren.

Reportedly, his health deteriorated at the hotel late at night. His friends tried to manage the situation, but the condition was so serious that they couldn't take him to the hospital, and he died at the hotel (home stay). The incident caused panic among friends and locals present there.

According to sources, Veer went to Manali with his friends on February 22 and was staying at a hotel in Simsa. On February 23, after returning from sightseeing, he complained of a headache. His friends rushed him to a hospital, where the doctors declared him dead.

Akhilesh gets into poll mode, engages I-PAC for '27 battle

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

WITH UP Assembly elections due early next year, the main opposition Samajwadi Party, led by Akhilesh Yadav, is learnt to have roped in leading political consultancy firm I-PAC to design and execute the party's campaign strategy to challenge the ruling BJP.

SP leaders said on condition of anonymity that the firm has already got active on the ground. "I-PAC team is meeting stakeholders and interacting with cadre at the grassroots while studying the political pulse of the state at the ground level," a party leader said.

Informed sources of the party said the firm would draw a poll strategy for the SP while helping it fine-tune its campaign at every level through outreach plans, catchy slogans and messaging which can relate with people.

I-PAC was founded by Jan Suraaj Party chief Prashant Kishor, who had played a significant role in designing the election campaigns of political bigwigs ranging from PM Narendra Modi to Mamta Banerjee, Nitish Kumar and Rahul Gandhi. Kishor had pushed the SP and Congress to stitch an alliance in 2017 UP polls. Now, I-PAC is being led by Pratik Jain.

"The firm has deployed a team to hold informal consultations with district-level leaders in a bid to identify comparatively weaker pockets and also the swing areas. On the basis of the outcome of this exercise, the firm will shape up the party's narrative," a source in the party said.

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UTTAR PRADESH

I-T raids at lone BSP legislator's Lucknow home

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Income Tax Department conducted an early morning raid at the residence of Umashankar Singh, the sole BSP MLA in Lucknow, on Wednesday. Meanwhile, Dinesh Pratap Singh, a minister in the Yogi government and a close relative of the BSP MLA, sounded his displeasure over the action, saying the BSP MLA had been battling for life and that all his businesses had collapsed, he had been living in isolation, with hardly any source to earn money.

As early as 7 am on Wednesday, over three dozen IT officials thronged the residence of the BSP MLA representing the Rasra Assembly constituency in the Ballia district of eastern UP in the state Assembly.

The Income Tax officials arrived at Umashankar Singh's residence with a heavy police contingent. Documents at the residence were examined, shaking the political circles of the state. Soon after reaching the residence of the lone MLA who represents the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) in the UP Assembly, the IT team immediately cordoned off the premises.

Sources say the team of around 36 officials, was scrutinising financial documents.

DoT issues show-cause notice to BSNL director after Prayagraj visit row

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Department of Telecommunications has issued a show-cause notice to BSNL Director Vivek Banzal after a row over the protocol assigned to him for a visit to Prayagraj. The Minister of Communications, Jyotiraditya Scindia called the incident "shocking" and "beyond absurd". He said that a show-cause notice has been issued, to which he has to reply within seven days, after whichDoT will take appropriate action.

"I have made it very clear that this is improper and a violation of established rules. It is unacceptable. It is shocking. A show-cause notice has been issued to the Director with a seven-day response period. We will take appropriate action," said Jyotiraditya Scindia.

The row erupted after an internal office order detailing extensive preparations for BSNL Director Vivek Banzal's planned Prayagraj visit on 25-26 February surfaced online. However, the visit was cancelled after an uproar on social media over the elaborate arrangements for Banzal's proposed two-day visit. As per the order dated 19 February, leaked online, around 50 officials were deputed to assist during the trip and fulfil all the requirements from white towels to two cars, from fruit baskets to chips, even underwear. Banzal, along with his family, was scheduled to bathe at the Sangam, take a boat ride, and visit the Bade Hanuman Mandir, Akshayavat, and Patalpuri temples.

Instructions were also issued to arrange a bedsheet for general use at the ghat. At the hotel and Circuit House, officials were asked to arrange dry fruits and fruit bowls, a shaving kit, towels, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, comb, and hair oil, the order stated.

Who is Vivek Banzal

Banzal is an Indian Telecommunication Service officer of the 1987 batch. He has more than 34 years of experience handling telecom networks in India, according to data available on the BSNL website.

Tax on residential, commercial development

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Wednesday tabled its 2026-27 budget worth ₹80,952.56 crore, marking an 8.77% increase against the last year's budget estimate of ₹74,427.41 crore. For the first time, the BMC presented its budget in the last four years. In the recent election, the BJP secured 89 seats and its ally Shiv Sena got 29 seats.

The BMC has proposed to impose entertainment tax. A proposal on this will be submitted to the state urban development department. The civic body has increased the premium in way of additional floor space index or transfer of development right -7.5% from 5% for residential, and 12.5% from 10% for commercial redevelopment. The move will help the BMC increase its revenue by ₹26 crore annually. Moreover, the BMC has developed tenements under the new development plan 2036. These will be sold through a lottery system, which is enacted to generate ₹300 crore revenue annually.

The budget stated that the textile industry had been the backbone of the city's economic growth and instrumental in developing Mumbai's unique socio-cultural landscape. It said the remnants of the Mumbai textile industry are important heritage that needs to be conserved for future generations to appreciate. The BMC has undertaken restoration of India United Mill No. 2 & 3 and development of a museum, measuring 44,000 sq metres, by adaptively reusing the existing mill structure post restoration. The BMC has appointed an agency for this project, which will be maintained for 20 years under corporate social responsibility . The project will stand as a cultural and tourist attraction.

Moreover, the BMC has planned 'grand entrance' and 'clock tower' at entry points of Mumbai as a tribute to timeless spirit and identity of Mumbai. They will be built at four key entry points of the city. They will reflect Mumbai's heritage, aesthetic excellence and architectural character while welcoming visitors to Mumbai.

In the BMC budget, the revenue expenditure is proposed at ₹32,698.44 crore, which is 15.71% higher than the revised estimate of ₹28,257.91 crore for 2025-26. The revenue expenditure for the current fiscal was initially estimated at ₹31,204.53 crore but later reduced by ₹2,946.62 crore following rationalisation measures.

The estimated revenue income for 2026-27 stands at ₹51,510.94 crore, 19.35% higher than the previous budget estimate of ₹43,159.40 crore. The 2025-26 revenue income estimate was later revised upward to ₹46,778.12 crore.

BMC BUDGET ₹80,952 CR ALLOCATION

- General budget ₹28,744.84 cr
- Health outlay ₹2,219.71 cr
- Improvement schemes ₹361.20 cr
- Slum Improvements ₹251.58 cr
- Education budget ₹490 cr
- Water supply, sewerage ₹16,092 cr
- Tree authority ₹4.95 cr

BMC Commissioner Bhushan Gagrani (right) during budget presentation on Wednesday | PTI

Ctrl+C, Ctrl+Pass: ChatGPT finally clears Class 12 boards in Gadchiroli

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

ALL year, students are drilled on exam discipline — no slips of paper, no looking at neighbour's paper, no hushed exchanges. But at an examination centre in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district, they got a digital deal for ready-made answers. The use of ChatGPT for mass copying during the Class 12 board examinations has now led to an FIR against four people, including teachers and examination staff, officials said.

The incident was reported from JK Bomanwar High School at the Charmoshi examination centre number 18. According to officials, the racket involved using ChatGPT to generate answers to board examination question papers and circulating them among students during the exam.

The modus operandi was startlingly simple. As soon as the question papers were unsealed, a peon, Suraj Kelzarkar, allegedly took screenshots and sent them to teacher Mahendra Kirame via WhatsApp. Kirame uploaded the papers on ChatGPT, obtained the answers, printed them using the school's printer, photocopied them, and circulated them among students with the peon's help.

Officials said the alleged mass malpractice took place during the physics, chemistry and political science examinations. The matter came to light after Gadchiroli Zilla Parishad chief executive officer Suhas Gade received information about the alleged malpractice. A team conducted a raid on February 18 and found that several students had written identical answers.

The peon's mobile phone reportedly revealed photographs of the papers forwarded to teachers, who then uploaded them to ChatGPT and circulated the answers. Based on the findings, an FIR was lodged against Mahendra Kirame, Sushil Lanjewar, the examination centre in charge, Suresh Burlewar, and Suraj Kelzarkar. Kirame and Lanjewar were suspended, and action was initiated under the Maharashtra State Prevention of Cheating in Examinations Act, 1982.

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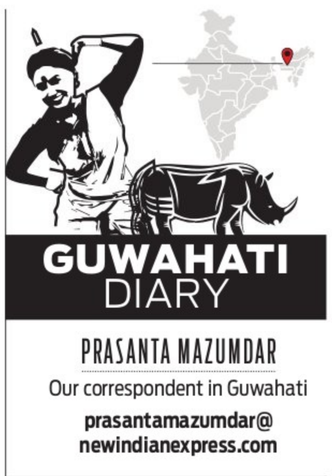

GUWAHATI DIARY

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Foundation laid for 'Vrindavani Vastra'

A cultural museum will be built in Guwahati for exhibiting the 'Vrindavani Vastra,' a sacred textile. CM Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation stone for the project recently. The state government last year signed a "Letter of Intent" with the London-based British Museum to bring back home Vrindavani Vastra. An invaluable part of Assam's history and civilisation, the Vrindavani Vastra is a silk textile, woven in Assam under the guidance of 15th-16th century saint-reformer Srimanta Sankardeva. The masterpiece depicts scenes from the life of Lord Krishna. It is believed that pieces of the textile were taken to Tibet during the 17th/18th century.

Five stations get 'Eat Right Station' cert

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has achieved a major milestone in food safety standards. Dimapur, Kokrajhar, Golakganj, Alipurduar and New Mal Junction railway stations under NFR have been awarded the "Eat Right Station" certification by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for meeting the prescribed food safety and hygiene benchmarks. The stations qualified as per FSSAI guidelines. The Eat Right Station initiative is part of FSSAI's nationwide movement to promote safe, healthy, and sustainable food practices.

Assam gets 1st Tech & Digital Factory of HDFC

Assam has got the first Tech & Digital Factory of HDFC Bank in Guwahati. This facility will serve as a centre for advanced technology development, innovation, and talent incubation, helping strengthen AI, digital, and cybersecurity talent pools. The bank currently has Tech & digital factories in Mumbai, Bengaluru and Gurugram. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the facility in the presence of senior HDFC officials. It will also provide career opportunities for skilled professionals, enabling them to contribute directly to next-generation technology development.

Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Ltd.
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
M 232	CE / MM	Procurement of 7 4 09 mm ACSR RACCOON Conductor
M 233	CE / MM	Procurement of DOG ACSR Conductor

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DIPR/1406/Tender/2026

Tamil Nadu Power Generation Corporation Ltd
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of the Work
C-08	CE / Udangudi STPP-I	Construction, erection, commissioning etc 2Nos Fly ash silo 2000MT Capacity at USTPP-I

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GeM Bid Notice

It is hereby informed that a bids No. is as follow:-

Sr. No.	Name of Service	Bid No. & Date	Pre-bid Meeting Date & Time
1.	Operation And Maintenance of Fire Fighting System-Complete System	GEM/2026/B/7289402 Dated 25.02.2026	27.02.2026 15:00 P.M.

The Bid uploaded on GeM Portal for Procurement of **Service Bid** at KSSSCI. All interested service providers/bidders are required to submit their bids on GeM Portal in accordance with the terms and conditions of the GeM bid documents. The Director reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

The Tender documents are available on the website of the Institute **www.cancerinstitute.edu.in**

Advt No:- KSSSCI/Tender-27/2025-26 Director

TAMIL NADU GREEN ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED
TNGECL
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Specification No.	Tender Inviting Authority	Name of Work
HE - 2522 / 2025-26	CE / HYDRO	E-Tender for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Six numbers (Gate No. 3,9,10,11,16 & 17) new vertical lift type fixed Wheel barrage gates (15 mtrs X 9 mtrs) with counter weight & hoisting mechanism along with Dismantling of old barrage gate with counter weight & hoisting mechanism at Bhavani Kattalai Barrage Power House - I / Samayasangili, Erode Generation Circle as per the technical specifications.

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Email ID- ccerwcrayagada@gmail.com

25001/251/2526

2nd Corrigendum

Letter No.1040 Date:25.02.2026

In Continuation to this office bid Identification No. NCB-32/ RWCRGDA/ 2025-26 invited vide this office letter No-131 dated. 21.01.2026 partial modification of TCN has been made as follows:

(1) Last Availability of tender online for Bidding :- **Dtd.07.03.2026 UPTO 5.00 PM instead of 5.00 PM of Dt 26.02.2026.**
(2) Date & time of opening of tender (Technical Bid) :- **Dtd.09.03.2026 At 11.00 AM. instead of Dt.27.02.2026 At 11.00 A.M.**
(3) Work Slno (02) as per Tender Call Notice is cancelled.

All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

Sd/-Chief Construction Engineer,
OIPR- 25001/25196/1/25-26/0009 RW Circle, Rayagada

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed that our client is desirous of entering into certain transaction with, Greenscale Projects, a partnership firm, having registered office at No. 57, 3rd Floor, 1st Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru City, by its Partner Mr. Hemanshu M Shah S/o late Mr. Mahendra A. Shah ("Owner") with respect to properties morefully described in the schedule hereunder ("Schedule Property"). The Owner has represented that it is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property with unrestricted rights of alienation/authority over the same, and no other person/s has/have any right, title or interest thereon.

Public is notified that any person/shaving any right, title, claim or interest in whatsoever manner in the Schedule Property are hereby called upon to notify the undersigned with supporting documents within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this notice. If no such claims are received, it would be deemed that the Owner has clear and marketable title of the Schedule Property and our client shall proceed with the intended transaction with the Owner with regard to the Schedule Property, as if no claims exist or if they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the following immoveable properties situated at Doddacheemanahalli village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District:

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Area		Boundaries			
		Acre	Gunta	East	West	North	South
1.	97/1	0	12	Sy. No. 98/1	Road	Sy. No. 97/2	Sy. Nos. 95 & 96
2.	98/1	0	11	Sy. No. 101/3	Sy. No. 97/1	Sy. No. 98/2	Sy. No. 94
3.	100/2	1	38	Sy. Nos. 103 & 104	Sy. No. 100/1	Sy. No. 104	Sy. No. 102
4.	101/1	2	3	Sy. No. 101/2	Sy. No. 98/2	Sy. No. 100/1	Sy. No. 101/3
5.	101/2	2	03 + 4.12 (Kharab)	Sy. No. 102	Sy. No. 101/1	Sy. No. 100/1	Sy. No. 101/3
6.	101/3	0	09 + 0.04 (Kharab)	Sy. No. 102	Sy. No. 98/1	Sy. Nos. 101/1 & 101/2	Sy. No. 109
7.	102	4	6	Sy. No. 103	Road, Sy. Nos. 101/2 & 101/3	Sy. No. 100/2	Sy. No. 109

Mr. Harsha Sudhindra, Partner,
Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas, Advocate and Solicitors,
Prestige Falcon Tower, 3rd Floor, Brunton Road, off M.G. Road, Bangalore 560 025, Karnataka, **Phone Number:** 080 67922000

Date: 26.02.2026 Place: Bangalore

POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS, the authorized officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited(Formerly known as Jana Lakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower (s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/Time & Type of Possession
1	45380430000229	1) Mr. Ravikumar J 2) Mr. Manoj R	17.12.2025 Rs.5,19,937.36 (Rupees Five Lakh Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Seven Rupees and Thirty Six Paisas Only) due as on 11-12-2025and interest thereon.	20.02.2026 05:30 PM symbolic Possession

Description of Secured Asset: All that Piece and parcel of for Property bearing No.I4, Kengeri Village Khatha No.191/3, BBMP Khatha Sl.No.64, Property No.I91/3/14 E-PID NO.5857484012, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet In all measuring 1200 Sq. feet, Situated Kengeri Village, Kengeri TMC, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and **bounded on:- East by:** Earlier Property belongs to Jayaram, Presently belongs to J. Nagaraju; **West by:** Road; **North by:** Property No.13; **South by:** Property No.15.

Whereas the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 26-02-2026 **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
Registered Office:- The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. CN/04/2026 Dated: 19.02.2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders through IREPS only for supply of following items:

Tender No.	Description in Brief
95265052	Uninsulated Cadmium Copper Catenary Wire (19/2.10 mm) 65 Sqmm. confirming 1 to RDSO Specification No. TI/SPC/OHE/CAT(Cu-Cd)/0971 OR Latest. Material to be supplied in wooden drums with maximum 3000 Mtr. of length. **(Qty.: 6000 Mtrs.)**

Last date for Submission/Tender Due on:
Upto 10:30 Hrs. on 09.03.2026

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Materials Manager/Construction/ Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/927/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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UNIVERSITY OF MYSORE
TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Government e-procurement portal only)

The Registrar, University of Mysore, Mysuru invites the tender for Supply of stationeries to various departments/ offices/colleges of University of Mysore, Mysuru under annual rate contract for one year from the date of contract as per KTPP act 2000 through e-procurement portal of government of Karnataka. The Tender Indent Number is UOM/2025-26/IND0064 last date for submission is 16.03.2026 up to 5:30 pm

Note: More information can obtain from website: https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in Or Contact No: 0821 2419209/512

DIPR/DDMYS/1726/KSMCA/977/2025-26 **Sd/-Registrar**

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA SCHOOL EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT BOARD
6th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003 Ph: 080-23349434
No: KSEAB/DPU/TS(AST)/1/2026-BSEC/91506 Dt:25.02.2026

SHORT-TERM e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board, hereby invites short-term tender from eligible bidders for the **"Digitization of the valued answer scripts by way of scanning, converting into PDF & uploading in the KSEAB portal for the year 2026 S.S.L.C exams"** through e-procurement portal only. Tender document (No: KSEAB/2025-26/SE0022/Call-2) may be downloaded from website: **https://kseab.karnataka.gov.in** and **https://kppp.karnataka. gov.in.** Tender commences on **25.02.2026** and the last date for submission **04.03.2026 at 4.30 PM.** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **27.02.2026 at 11.00 AM.** Technical bid opening **on 05.03.2026 at 4.31 PM.** Commercial Bid Opening on **10.03.2026.** The tender Approximate value is **Rs.11,05,800/-** & EMD amount is **Rs. 22,116/-.** For more information contact KSEAB during the office hours.

Sd/- Secretary, KSEAB

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AUCTION NOTICE

It is informed that the below mentioned Jewel Loan customers of our Bank failed to settle their loan accounts even after our repeated reminders and Registered Post with Acknowledgement Due to their registered address have been already sent to them.

If the full loan amount is not settled on or before the auction date mentioned below, the pledged items will be auctioned **at 11:00 AM on** the specified date, or any subsequent convenient date, without further notice and as full satisfaction of the bank by public auction sale at the bank premises or at the E-Auction Platform. https://egold.auctiontiger.net.

Auction Date : 27.03.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
80335586	PANKAJ KUMAR KISHORE BHAGAT	VISHVESVARA PURAM	115.20	113.30
18033481	PRAMILA	BANASHANKARI, BENGALURU	32.00	31.50
14231270	MATHEW	BANNERGHATTA MAIN ROAD	5.90	4.80
15535534	PUTTASWAMY GOWDA M	BASAVANGUDI, BENGALURU	26.60	26.30
38831262	MAHESH K S	KENGERI	37.00	35.00

Auction Date : 31.03.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
18031003	SHALINI S	BANASHANKARI, BENGALURU	21.90	21.00

Auction Date : 27.03.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
17137837	SAVITHA B P	BELLARY	72.94	69.44
23339901	KADHIRVEL C TELKAR	DHARWAD	22.00	21.00
23331252	HANUMANT KADEMANI	DHARWAD	10.90	10.50
29637078	KARIYAPPA CHANNAPPA SHIVABASANNAVAR	HUBLI	98.20	77.00
60635279	VIJAYALAXMI HIREBIDARI	RANEBENNUR	99.00	94.60

Auction Date : 31.03.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
17138173	B SHASHI KUMAR	BELLARY	16.68	16.68
17138304	SAI SHREE B P	BELLARY	79.77	59.83

Auction Date : 27.03.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
60131021	GURURAJ	RAICHUR	73.20	72.00

Auction Date : 31.03.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
60131298	E PRANNESH	RAICHUR	19.20	19.20

Auction Date : 27.03.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
29339476	MANU S P	HASSAN	6.00	5.80

Auction Date : 31.03.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
29339670	D SONY	HASSAN	49.95	47.00

Auction Date : 27.03.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
22332808	HARSHAKUMARA M	DAVANGERE	12.40	11.18

Auction Date : 31.03.2026

Ref. No.	Customer Name	Branch Name	Gross weight	Net weight
77839997	DENIS D SOUZA	ULAIBETTU	21.90	21.80

Place : Chennai **AUTHORIZED OFFICER**
Date : 24.02.2026 **DBS BANK INDIA LIMITED**

*DBS BANK INDIA LIMITED, is a subsidiary concern under full licence from DBS BANK LIMITED Singapore.

THE TAMILNADU DR.M.G.R.MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
No.69, Anna Salai, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032. Website : www.tnmgrmu.ac.in

NOTIFICATION

Ref.No. SI(1)/11506/2025 Date : 26.02.2026

E-Tenders are invited for the supply of "23 nos. of factory ready built Buses under M3 category with minimum 50+D High Head Rest (HHR) Seating Arrangement, Non-AC for 12 Goverment Medical Colleges". For more information visit **https://tntenders.gov.in**.

Any further corrigendum or amendment(s) shall be noted on **https://tntenders.gov.in**. only. Bidders shall regularly visit the website to keep themselves updated.

DIPR/1395/TENDER/2026 **REGISTRAR (FAC)**

कार्यालय नगर परिषद्, बालोतरा
Email id:- mbbalotra@yahoo.co.in Contact no. 02988-220024
Address : Pachpadra Road,Opposite Mungra Circle, Balotra (344022)

क्रमांक : नपबा/राजस्व/2026/20270 दिनांक : 17.02.2026

ई-निविदा सूचना 01/2026-27 (संशोधित/Corrigendum)

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता हैं कि पूर्व में इस कार्यालय द्वारा वर्ष 2026–27 हेतु प्रदूषणजन्य व्यवसाय कर (सेसकर) वसूली के कार्य के लिये कार्यालय ई–निविदा क्रमांक नपबा/राजस्व/2026/19720–19733 दिनांक 06.02.2026 को प्रदूषणजन्य व्यवसाय कर (सेसकर) निविदा आमंत्रित की गई थी। उक्त में शर्त संख्या 29 को विलोपित किया जाता हैं। शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेगी। जिसको **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** व **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** से देखा जा सकता हैं।

UBN No : - DLB2526SLRC33613

प्रशासक आयुक्त
नगरपरिषद् बालोतरा नगरपरिषद् बालोतरा
राज.संवाद/सी/25/21157

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that, my client is intending to purchase the schedule property from its lawful owner in possession and enjoyment of **Sri. N. Shankara** S/o Late Narayanappa, aged about 53 years, #89, Annammadevi Road, Near Venkateshwara Temple, Kogilu Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore – 560 064.

Whereas, Sri. N. Shankara claims to have purchased the schedule property under the Sale Deed dated 05.03.2004, from Smt. Shanthakumari W/o Sri. Ramaiah, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Rep. by her GPA & Affidavit both dated 10.06.1996 holder Smt. Kamar Jan W/o Sri. Mohammed Nooruddin, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. Said Sale Deed has been registered in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore as Doc.No.YAN-1-19280/2003-04, Book No.1, Stored in CD No.YAND16, dated 05.03.2004.

Whereas, Smt.Shanthakumari W/o Sri. Ramaiah claims to have acquired title to the schedule property by virtue of a General Power of Attorney and Affidavit both dated 10.04.1993, executed by Sri.Kempaiah S/o Sri.Munidasappa of Venkatala Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk.

Whereas, Sri.Kempaiah S/o Sri.Munidasappa claims to have acquired title to the schedule property by virtue of Hakku Pathra, issued by the Government of Karnataka on the occasion of 25th Independence Day Celebration.

Any persons having any claims, rights, title, interest, objections of whatsoever either towards schedule property or its transaction, then they can file their objections along with all necessary documents to the under mentioned within 15 days from the date of this notice. Failing which, it is deemed that there is no objection whatsoever from anyone in dealing with the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the site bearing No.274, New No.107/274, BBMP EPID No.1021538728, carved out of land bearing Sy.No.107 of Kogilu Village, measuring east to west 40 feet (12.19 meters) and north to south 30 feet (9.14 meters), in all 1200 Sq. feet (111.48 Sq. meters), consisting of an AC Sheet roofed shed and individual bathroom, having electricity connection, situated at Kogilu Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore – 560 064 and bounded on;

East by : Property bearing No.259. West by : Road,
North by : Private Property, South by: Property bearing No.254

Sri.A.Vishwanatha, *Advocate*
Koorlappa Complex, Maruthinagara, Kogilu Main Road, Yelahanaka,Bangalore-560 064. Mob: 9880295744.

Bangalore
Date: 26.02.2026

Canara Bank
A Government of India Undertaking

ARM Branch– II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001.
Telephone numbers 080-25310181 – e-mail – cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-2 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 17.03.2026 from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale],** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **16.03.2026.** **(₹. in Lakhs)**

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Details and Full Description of the Property	Reserve Price & EMD
1.	**(1) M/s Mallella Infrastructure Private Limited,** through Its Director Sri M Pawan Kumar, Smt M Latha Preeti and Sri K Charan Kumar, Regd Office: No 540, 17th Main, 4th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560102. **GUARANTOR : (1) Sri M Pawan Kumar,** S/o Sri M Nagireddy, No.307/7, 23rd Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560070 **(2) Smt M Latha Preeti,** W/o Sri M Pawan Kumar, No.307/7, 23rd Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560070 **(3) Sri K Charan Kumar,** S/o and C/o Sri Reddeppa Reddy, No.54 Ground Floor, UAS Layout, 8th Cross RMV 2nd Stage, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore North, PO: RMV Extension II Stage, Bangalore-560 094.	**Rs. 54,79,54,708.67/- (Rupees Fifty four crore Seventy nine Lakhs Fifty four thousand Seven hundred eight and sixty seven paise only) of M/s Mallela Infrastructure Private Limited and others including costs and interest as on 01.02.2026 together with future interest, expenses and costs etc till realization.**	**(1)** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.249, erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.766/A, carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No. 396 (New No. 396/1), converted under Official Memorandum bearing No. Dis.ALN.SR.(S) 128/85-86, dated 19.9.1985, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, bearing Khatha No.1498/249, situated Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, measuring East to West 70 feet and North to South 95 feet, in all measuring 6650 sq. ft., and bounded on the: East by : Site No.250, West by: Site No.248, North by : Site No. 246, South by: Road.	**Reserve Price Rs. 1,64,00,000/- EMD Rs. 16,40,000/-**
			(2) All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.248, erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.766/A, carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No. 396 (New No.396/1), converted under Official Memorandum bearing No. Dis.ALN.SR.(S) 128/85-86, dated 19.9.1985, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, bearing Khatha No.1500/248, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 95 feet, in all measuring 5700 sq. ft., and bounded on the: East by:Site No.249, West by:Private Property, North by:Site No. 247, South by:Road.	**Reserve Price Rs. 1,39,00,000/- EMD Rs. 13,90,000/-**
			(3) All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.121, BBMP Khatha No.1803/121. New PID NO.192-W1298-50, (erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.1019-1181-766/A-1026/1184, measuring East to West 100 feet, and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 6000 sq.ft., carved on residential converted land bearing Sy.No.114, (converted vide official memorandum bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)581/82-83, dated 25.1.1982, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike Ward No.192-Begur, situated at Begur village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and bounded on the: East by:Site No.120, West by:Road, North by:Site No. 122, South by:Road.	**Reserve Price Rs. 1,40,00,000/- EMD Rs. 14,00,000/-**
			(4) All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.77, BBMP Khatha No.1343/77, New PID No.192-W0422-10, (erstwhile Begur Village PanchayathKhatha No.1025-1183/1026-1184/766/C), measuring East to West 100 feet, North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 6,000 square feet, carved on residentially converted lands bearing Sy.No. 142, 143/1 and Sy.No.143/2, comprised in the comprehensive residential layout known as "Vishwapriya Greeneries", presently under the administrative jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), Begur Ward No. 192, situated Begur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto, and bounded on the: East by: Site No.52, West by:Road, North by:Site No. 78A, South by:Site No.76	**Reserve Price Rs. 1,30,00,000/- EMD Rs. 13,00,000/-**
			(5) Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.182, bearing BBMP Khatha No.3315/117/7/182, situated in the layout known as"VISWAPRIYA GREENERIES", formed in the land converted land bearing Sy.No.117/7 ofBegur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (converted for residential purposes vide official Memorandum bearing No.BDIS.ALN.SR(S)154/81-82, dated 31.8.1981, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), measuring East to West 100 feet, North to South 38 feet, in all measuring 3800 square feet, presently within BBMP Begur Ward No.192, and bounded on the: East by :Site No.179, West by:Road, North by:Site No. 183, South by:Site No.181. **Item No.2 :** All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.179, bearing BBMP Khatha No.3316/117/7/182, situated in the layout known as"VISWAPRIYA GREENERIES", formed in the land converted land bearing Sy.No.117/7 ofBegur Village, BegurHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, (converted for residential purposes vide official Memorandum bearing No.BDIS.ALN.SR(S)154/81-82, dated 31.8.1981, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District), measuring East to West 100 feet, North to South 38 feet, in all measuring 3800 square feet, presently within BBMP Begur Ward No.192, and bounded on the: East by :Road, West by :Site No.182, North by:Site No. 178, South by:Site No.180.	**Reserve Price Rs. 1,60,00,000/- EMD Rs. 16,00,000/-**
			(6) All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.201, formed in Converted Sy. No. 113, (converted for residential purposes under official memorandum No. ALN:SR(S)270/80-81, dated 05-09-1980, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban Dist. Bangalore) Presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 290/201, situated at Begur village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, South Taluk, Presently within BBMP Begur, Ward No. 192, measuring East to West 120 feet and North to south 60 feet, and bounded on the : East by : Basapura Village, West by: Road, North by: Site No. 202, South by : Private Property. (Land Locked).	**Reserve Price Rs 63,00,000/- EMD Rs. 6,30,000/-**
			(7) All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.202, formed in Converted Sy. No. 113, (converted for residential purposes under official memorandum No. ALN:SR(S)270/80-81, dated 05-09-1980, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban Dist. Bangalore) Presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 291/202, situated at Begur village, BegurHobli, Bangalore, South Taluk, Presently within BBMP Begur, Ward No. 192, measuring East to West 120 feet and North to south 60 feet, and bounded on the: East by :Basapura Village, West by: Road, North by : Site No. 203, South by: Site No. 201. (Land Locked)	**Reserve Price Rs. 1,40,00,000/- EMD Rs. 14,00,000/-**
			(8) All that piece and parcel of the Property residential Site No.203, formed in Converted Sy. No. 113, (converted for residential purposes under official memorandum No. ALN:SR(S)270/80-81, dated 05-09-1980, issued by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban Dist. Bangalore) Presently bearing BBMP Khatha No. 633/203, situated at Begur village, BegurHobli, Bangalore, South Taluk, Presently within BBMP Begur, Ward No. 192, measuring East to West 120 feet and North to south 60 feet, and bounded on the: East by :Basapura Village, West by: Road, North by : Site No. 204, South by: Site No. 202. (Land Locked).	**Reserve Price Rs. 60,00,000/- EMD Rs. 6,00,000/-**

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS : (a) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **(b)** The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer. **(c)** The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. **(d)** EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan. **(e)** After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **16.03.2026,** to Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore by hand OR Email. (i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT Acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. (ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. (iii) Bid Form. The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider, **M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com .** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD/Sale proceeds shall not carry any interest. **(f)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of **Rs.1,00,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. (g) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorized Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.(h)** For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty lacs)** and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at a rate 1% or as applicable on the sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the bank. **(i)** All charges for Conveyance, Stamp Duty/GST/Registration Charges etc. As applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **(j)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the E-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **(k)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the E-auction, they can approach Canara Bank Circle office, Bengaluru or Canara Bank ARM II Branch, Bengaluru, who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. **(l)** Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area, dues, suits and cases etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank. **(m)** After confirmation of sale, bidder's request cannot be accepted for refund of amount which is already paid and Bank will proceed as per SARFAESI Act.

For further details contact Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance (BAANKNET) - e-mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com

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Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 25.02.2026 **Sd/- Authorised officer**
Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

108 minutes
the length of Trump's State of the Union adress, the longest in recent history

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

Don 'overstates' Union's progress in annual address

Paints rosy picture amid rising domestic challenges and plunging polls

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump boasted Tuesday of a "turnaround for the ages" in his State of the Union speech, seeking to reverse dismal polls and see off mounting challenges at home and abroad ahead of crucial midterm elections.

His main objective was convincing increasingly wary Americans that the economy is stronger than many believe, and that they should vote for more of the same by backing Republicans during November's midterm elections.

Much of the nation is worried about the direction of the economy, but Trump says the good times are here, insisting repeatedly that rising costs are no longer a problem.

"The roaring economy is roaring like never before," he said. He cheered the lower cost of gasoline, mortgage rates, prescription drug prices and the rising stock market: "Millions and millions of Americans are all gaining."

Such optimism, as so many Americans are feeling economic strains, risks painting Trump as out of touch. Just 39 per cent of US adults approved of Trump's handling of the economy in February, according to AP-NORC polling.

Still, the president focused much of the first hour of his speech on the economy, something Republicans had urged him to do as they head into the midterm elections.

US President Donald Trump delivers the State of the Union address in the House Chamber of the US Capitol in Washington, DC | AFP

By Trump's standards, he held his tongue when it came to the Supreme Court. After the court struck down his tariff policy last week, Trump said the justices who voted against one of his signature issues were an "embarrassment." By Tuesday, he simply called the ruling "unfortunate."

Trump sought to treat the ruling with indifference, insisting that tariff revenues were "saving" the US, ignoring the fact that the levies haven't made a significant dent in government debt. He said the tariffs were paid by foreign countries even as virtually every study concludes that costs have been paid by US firms and consumers.

At one point, he seemed to take the long view that history would ultimately vindicate him even if the Supreme Court would not. "I believe the tariffs paid by foreign countries will, like in the past, substantially replace the modern-day system of income tax, taking a great burden off the people that I love," he said. *Agencies*

Iran rejects Trump's missile claims as 'big lie'

DUBAI

IRAN'S foreign ministry on Wednesday dismissed US claims about its missile programme as "big lies", after President Donald Trump said Tehran was developing missiles that can strike the US.

"Whatever they're alleging in regards to Iran's nuclear programme, Iran's ballistic missiles, and the number of casualties during January's unrest, is simply the repetition of 'big lies'," ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said.

Baqaei did not specify exactly which claims he was responding to, but hours earlier Trump had said Iran was seeking missiles that could reach American soil. In an interview with Al Jazeera this month, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Tehran lacked the capability to target the US but would attack US bases in Middle East.

During his State of the Union speech, Trump also reiterated that Iran would never be allowed to build a nuclear weapon, saying Tehran's leaders were "at this moment again pursuing their sinister nuclear ambitions". *AFP*

SOME FALSE AND MISLEADING CLAIMS

HERE'S A CLOSER LOOK AT THE FACTS

THE ECONOMY

CLAIM: "When I last spoke in this chamber 12 months ago, I had just inherited a nation in crisis, with a stagnant economy"

THE FACTS: The US gross domestic product rose 2.8% in 2024 after adjusting for inflation. That's a stronger pace of growth than the 2.2% achieved last year during the start of Trump's second term

INVESTMENT

CLAIM: "I secured commitments for more than $18 trillion pouring in from all over the globe"

THE FACTS: The White House website offers a far lower number, $9.6 trillion

JOBS

CLAIM: "More Americans are working today than at any time in the history of our country"

THE FACTS: The unemployment rate is a low 4.3%, but was lower when Biden left office in January 2025, at 4%

FOREIGN WARS

CLAIM: "My first 10 months I ended eight wars"

THE FACTS: Although he has helped mediate relations among many nations, his impact isn't as clear-cut as he makes it seem

TARIFFS

CLAIM: "Tariff revenues are saving our country, the kind of money we're taking in"

THE FACTS: The Congressional Budget Office estimated his new taxes would raise $3 trillion over 10 years. That's not enough to cover the cost of his $4.7 trillion in tax cuts

IMMIGRATION

CLAIM: "We will always allow people to come in legally, people that will love our country and will work hard"

THE FACTS: Trump has actually taken steps to restrict who can emigrate to the US, often in the name of protecting national security

UK introduces eVisas, physical document no longer needed

LONDON

NEW rules in force from Wednesday will see the UK transition to a digital transit system, including mandatory eVisas for Indian travellers and Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) for non-visa requiring visitors.

The new procedure will replace paper-based visa stickers as part of a phased programme over recent years. While the new system will still involve a physical visit to the application centre for biometric registration, it will do away with the need to leave behind the passport document.

"I'd urge anyone wanting to travel to the UK to ensure they are travel-ready and have the right permission, to make their journey much smoother," said Mike Tapp, UK Minister for Migration and Citizenship.

It will be mandatory for visitors to the UK to have obtained digital permission to travel, which means airlines can prevent passengers from boarding planes if they do not have an eVisa, ETA or other valid documentation.

The UK government had launched the eVisa system last year, with physical documents being accepted during the transition phase up until this week. "An eVisa cannot be lost, stolen or tampered with," the Home Office said. All those using a physical biometric residence permit (BRP), a passport containing a visa vignette sticker or ink stamp confirming their "indefinite leave to enter/remain" in the country, or biometric residence card (BRC) as evidence of their immigration rights have been switched over to an entirely online UK Visas and Immigration system. *PTI*

ASIA MATTERS

NON-AI DATA CENTRES PUT ON HOLD

Malaysia has frozen the development of new data centres not used for artificial intelligence over power and water concerns, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim said Tuesday, as the country pivots to resource-hungry AI facilities. The Southeast Asian nation is emerging as a major regional IT infrastructure hub, but it faces growing challenges, including a sharp rise in electricity and water supply demands. "For the past one and a half years, almost two years ago, we have limited the entry of new data centres that are not related to AI," Anwar told parliament.

Pentagon sets Friday deadline for Anthropic to drop AI curbs

WASHINGTON

THE US Defense Department has given AI company Anthropic until Friday to agree to unrestricted military use of its technology or face being forced to comply under emergency federal powers, a senior official said Tuesday.

Anthropic chief executive Dario Amodei met personally with Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth at the Pentagon on Tuesday, with the company saying he "expressed appreciation for the Department's work and thanked the Secretary for his service."

At the heart of the conflict is Anthropic's refusal to let its Claude models be used for the mass surveillance of US citizens or in fully autonomous weapons systems.

"We continued good-faith conversations about our usage policy to ensure Anthropic can continue to support the government's national security mission in line with what our models can reliably and responsibly do," the company said.

But after the meeting, the Pentagon delivered a stark ultimatum: agree to unrestricted military use of its technology by 5.01 pm Friday or face being forced to comply under the Defense Production Act.

The Cold War-era law, last used during the Covid pandemic, grants the federal government sweeping powers to compel private industry to prioritise national security needs. The Pentagon also threatened to label Anthropic a supply chain risk, a designation usually reserved for firms from adversary countries that could severely damage the company's ability to work with the US government and reputation. *AFP*

Supporters of Ukraine demonstrate on the four-year anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, in Copenhagen, Tuesday | AFP

Ukrainian attack on Russian fertiliser plant kills seven: officials

MOSCOW

A Ukrainian drone attack on a fertiliser plant in Russia's western Smolensk region killed seven people and wounded 10 others, Russian officials said on Wednesday.

The plant, just outside the Russian town of Dorogobuzh, lies around 290 kilometres from the Ukrainian border.

Unverified images published on social media purported to show the plant in flames early Wednesday, with columns of smoke billowing into the night sky. "The enemy struck PJSC Dorogobuzh, a civilian plant producing nitrogen fertiliser," Smolensk region governor Vasily Anokhin said in a post on Telegram.

Russia's Investigative Committee, which probes major crimes, said later seven people were killed, updating a previous toll, in what would be one of the deadliest attacks on a Russian industrial site of the four-year war. Ukraine fired "at least 30 drones equipped with explosive devices," causing "significant damage" it said.

Rescuers had on Wednesday morning contained the fires, while authorities were considering evacuating residents from the neighbouring village for their safety, governor Anokhin added.

The plant was also attacked in December last year, according to Russian media reports.

Ukraine, which denies targeting civilians, did not immediately comment.

Ukraine has fired thousands of drones over the Russian border since Moscow launched its Ukraine offensive in 2022, some of which have landed hundreds of kilometres from the front line. *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Bill Gates admits affairs with 2 Russian women

Washington: American billionaire founder of Microsoft Bill Gates has admitted making a "huge mistake" in associating with Jeffrey Epstein, telling staff at his charity foundation that he had affairs with two Russian women but denying involvement in the disgraced financier's crimes. "I did have affairs, one with a Russian bridge player who met me at bridge events, and one with a Russian nuclear physicist who I met through business activities," he said. But he denied any involvement with victims of Epstein, who died in a New York jail cell in 2019 while awaiting trial for trafficking underage girls

Germany leader calls for deeper ties with China

Beijing: German Chancellor Friedrich Merz called Wednesday for deepening ties with China, while pushing for fairer trade rules between the two countries and seeking Chinese help on Ukraine. Merz, who arrived in Beijing late morning for a whirlwind two-day visit, acknowledged differences during meetings with the country's top leaders and called for collaboration "wherever possible". "We have a few issues that we need to talk about today in the course of my visit," he told Chinese Premier Li Qiang. "But I think there is also great potential for further growth of both our economies."

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the kind Notice of the General Public that, My client, The Manager of Axis Bank Limited, No.8, Sona Towers, 32nd E Cross, 14th T Block-I, Jayanagar Branch, Bangalore, has informed that the Original Sale Deed dated 30.06.2011, document no. VRT-1-02447-2011-12 of **SRI.PRASHANT UPADHYAY** who has availed a Home loan in Axis Bank Limited, his original sale deed has been lost/misplaced and the Bank intimates that while shifting all the Originals of bank records, legal documents of the bank/clients to Head Office for the safe custody during the shifting, **SRI.PRASHANT UPADHYAY**, his Original SALE DEED of the schedule B & C property has been lost/misplaced which has been deposited with Bank, of N registered at the Sub Registrar Office, Varthur, Bangalore, Further, If any person/s finds the above mentioned original document may be delivered to the below mentioned address:-

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing converted Sy.No.74/5, converted vide Order No. ALN(E.V.H)S.R.469/2008-09 dated 1.6.2009 by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Khatha No.1026, situated at Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits, Bangalore, measuring 17.65 guntas and bounded: East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Remaining Portion of Sy.No.74/5, South by: Property of P.K.Srinivasa Reddy and K.Narayana Reddy Now belongs to the vendors herein.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

368 square feet of undivided share, right, title, interest, ownership in the land out of Schedule "A" property which is proportionate to the super built up area

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY

ALL THAT Residential Apartment No.308, in Third Floor, of CHOURASIA MANOR' constructed in Schedule 'A' Property, measuring 1184 Sq.ft., of super built up area with covered Car Park No.308, in the basement floor of the building and together with proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with restricted right to use the terrace area to reach the lift room and water tank for repairs if any with electricity, water and sanitary facility. The building is constructed with bricks and cement walls, RCC roofing, Mathi-Honne wood doors and windows, granite flooring, with electricity, water and sanitary facility.

K.MANJUNATHA LAW ASSOCIATES, ADVOCATES & LEGAL CONSULTANTS Office at Property No. 393, No.40/5, First Floor, 19th Main Road, 1st Block, Rajajinagar, **BENGALURU-560032. Date : 25.02.2026**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **GENERAL PUBLIC** are hereby informed that my Clients **Sri. HARISH SRIRAM,** S/o.R.V.Sriram, residing at No; 364/27, 19th F Main Road, Rajajinagar Bangalore- 560010 has lost the original GIFT DEED dated 18.01.2003 registered with vide Document No:5860/2002-03 Book 1, Volume 29 and Deed of CANCELLATION OF GIFT dated 18.02.2009 vide Doc No:3288/2008-09 Book-1, stored in C.D No:RJND131 both registered at office of the S.R.O at Rajajinagar, Bangalore pertaining to the below mentioned **SCHEDULE PROPERTY.** The said document is not in the possession of my client and the same has been intimated to the Jurisdictional Police. Whoever is in possession of the same is hereby requested to hand over it to the below mentioned address. If anyone deals with such persons on the Schedule Property shall be doing so at his/her own risk and consequences and the same shall not be binding on my Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BDA No.364, New Municipal No.364/27, ***Present BBMP E-PID No.3103710202,*** situated at 19th "F" Main Road, Rajajinagar I "N" Block, BANGALORE 560 010, BBMP Ward No.67, measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet in all measuring 2400 Sq ft and bounded as follows. **East by** Property No. 371, **West by** Road, **North by** Property No. 365, **South by** Property No. 363.

Sri.B.B.SUDHIR, ADVOCATE
No:334, 09th Main, 14th Cross,
Indiranagar, BANGALORE-560038
Mob: 98450 22593

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the general public that my client **M/s. Prithved,** a partnership firm, represented by its Partner Sri Nallapeta Surya Prakash Dhiraj Kumar, resident of Bengaluru, is intending to purchase the Schedule Property described hereinbelow from its owner Sri Arun Kumar Gowda, S/o Late Mallikarjune Gowda, residing at No. 86, North-Eastern Portion, 3rd Main Road, 4th Cross, J.P. Nagar 4th Phase, Dollars Layout, Bengaluru – 560 078.

Any person/s having any right, title, interest, claim, charge, lien, mortgage, tenancy, litigation, agreement of sale, or any other claim whatsoever in respect of the said Schedule Property are hereby called upon to submit their objections/claims, if any, in writing along with supporting documents to the undersigned from the date of publication of this notice.

In the event of no objections or claims being received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that there are no subsisting claims or encumbrances over the said property and my client shall proceed with the proposed transaction without any further reference.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the North-Eastern Portion of Property bearing No. 86, situated at 3rd Main Road, 4th Cross, J.P. Nagar 4th Phase, Dollars Layout, Bengaluru – 560 078, now within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), bearing BBMP No. 86, Ward No. 177, PID No. 177-WO-189-19, measuring East to West: 48.6 feet and North to South: 58 feet, in all measuring 2,818.8 sq. ft., together with the existing residential building constructed thereon with all amenities, fixtures and fittings, bounded by:

- **East by :** Road (3rd Main Road)
- **West by :** Property sold to Mr. M.B. Umesh Gowda
- **North by :** Road (4th Cross)
- **South by :** Property No. 85

Place : Bengaluru **Date :** 26/02/2026

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NEPAL ARMY READIES 3-TIER SECURITY PLAN FOR MAR 5 POLLS

KATHMANDU

THE Nepal Army on Wednesday said it is implementing a three-phase integrated security plan, including aerial patrols and neutralising suspicious objects, for the general elections next week.

A total of 18.9 million eligible voters will exercise their franchise to elect 275 members of the House of Representatives (HoR), polling for which will be held from 7 am to 5 pm on March 5. The army said it has made arrangements for security management in three phases -- before, during and after the election, so as to conduct the general election in a free, fair and fearless manner.

Necessary preparations have been completed by conducting election-related training and joint exercises, said Army Spokesperson Rajaram Basnet. As per the integrated security plan, the army will carry out security work at polling stations and counting sites, conduct aerial patrols, and neutralise suspicious objects during the election, the army spokesperson said. On the day of the voting, three-tier security will be provided at all the polling booths, and after the election, integrated teams will provide security during collecting and transporting the ballot boxes to the counting sites.

These integrated teams will include personnel from other security agencies, election officers and party representatives. Besides Nepal Army personnel, Nepal Police and Armed Police Force personnel will also be mobilised under the coordination of Nepal Army. *PTI*

POST-HEIST SHAKEUP

Home of 'Mona Lisa' has new boss to steer it out of crisis

People tour the courtyard of the Louvre museum in Paris | AP

PARIS

THE home of the "Mona Lisa" is getting a new boss. Art historian Christophe Leribault, a veteran museum director, is taking over at the Louvre, shouldering the challenge of getting the world's largest museum out of crisis after the brazen heist in October of the French crown jewels.

French government spokeswoman Maud Bregeon announced the appointment on Wednesday. Leribault takes over from outgoing Louvre director Laurence des Cars, who resigned on Tuesday.

The difficulties he inherits are formidable. The daylight robbery—among the highest-profile museum thefts in living memory—exposed alarming security holes at the Paris landmark. The former royal palace has also suffered a broad array of other problems that have presented a picture of a treasured national institution spiralling out of control.

They include a burst pipe near the "Mona Lisa," water leaks that damaged priceless books, ageing buildings, staff walkouts over overcrowding, understaffing and ticket price hikes for most non-European visitors. Pressure for new leadership deepened in recent weeks when authorities revealed a suspected decade-long ticket fraud operation linked to the museum.

Leribault brings a proven track record. He has been running another world-renowned French landmark, the Versailles Palace, overseeing an annual budget of about 170 million euros. *AP*

Market Watch

MARKET		GOLD		SILVER		FOREX	
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57.85 ▲ Nifty	25,482.50	₹100 ▲ 22 carat (10 gm)	₹148,550	10 gm	₹2,850	▲ Euro	107.35

GST data pillar of new GDP series

GST returns data have become key input in estimating private corporate sector output

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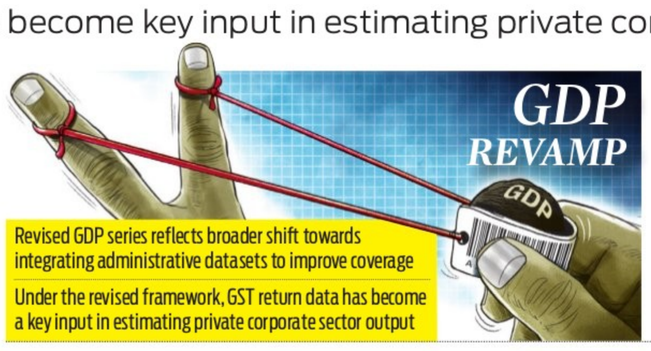


Revised GDP series reflects broader shift towards integrating administrative datasets to improve coverage

Under the revised framework, GST return data has become a key input in estimating private corporate sector output

Using identifiers such as PAN, CIN, national level corporate financials are mapped to state-level GST registrations

Outward supplies reported in GST returns are used to apportion output across states

This provides a more direct statistical basis for estimating state-level GVA, replacing earlier proxy-based allocation methods

Revised series also changes how non-filing or inactive companies are treated in GDP estimation

INDIA'S revised GDP series with base year 2022-23, which will be released on Febraury 26, 2026, introduces major methodological changes, with administrative tax data— particularly the Goods and Services Tax (GST) —playing a larger role in national accounts compilation.

The revision reflects a broader shift by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) towards integrating high-frequency administrative datasets to improve coverage, timeliness and internal consistency in economic measurement.

Central to this effort are recommendations of a sub-committee on new data sources, which examined the use of GST data maintained by the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN).

Under the revised framework, GST return data has become a key input in estimating private corporate sector output, allocating gross value added (GVA) across states, refining the corporate sector universe, and strengthening quarterly GDP estimates.

Earlier, sectoral and state-wise allocation of output relied largely on survey-based datasets such as the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI), alongside corporate financial filings and other indicators.

While these sources continue to be used, the updated methodology links company-level financial data from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) database with GST registrations to derive a more transaction-based distribution of output.

Using identifiers such as Permanent Account Number (PAN) and Corporate Identity Number (CIN), national-level corporate financials are mapped to state-level GST registrations (GSTINs). As companies are required to register separately in each state where they operate, outward supplies reported in GST returns are used to apportion output across states. This provides a more direct statistical basis for estimating state-level GVA, replacing earlier proxy-based allocation methods.

The revised series also changes how non-filing or inactive companies are treated in GDP estimation. Previously, statistical adjustments were applied to account for companies that did not file financial returns, often using proxies such as paid-up capital to impute output. The new methodology cross-verifies MCA-listed companies with GST filings to assess actual economic activity.

Entities are categorised based on GST reporting status—those reporting transactions, those filing nil returns, those not filing returns, and those without linked GST registrations.

TCS urges employees to adopt AI even if it means loss of revenue

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) has asked employees to use artificial intelligence tools to deliver work faster and at lower cost, even if this reduces the company's revenue.

Speaking at the Nasscom Technology and Leadership Forum in Mumbai, chief executive officer K Krithivasan said: "We are telling associates that if you find that you can do something faster, better, cheaper with AI, you should probably go and tell your customers, even if it cannibalises revenue."

He added, "We are not afraid that this technology will take away our livelihood. We believe it is going to open up more, so you enjoy the benefits the more you do, and not by resisting the change."

The comments come as concerns over AI disruption have weighed on Indian technology stocks. The Nifty IT index has fallen 21% this month, and also hit a two-year low in February.

TCS has asked its more than 600,000 employees to become fluent in AI tools and apply them in client projects. Krithivasan said it is not enough to use simple prompts on platforms such as ChatGPT, adding that staff must build solutions using AI technologies.

He noted that senior employees have been slower than younger staff to develop AI-based solutions, saying that those higher in the hierarchy often read about new tools but do not build with them.

Krithivasan described AI as a "civilisational shift" that democratises knowledge and addresses long-standing problems. He said artificial intelligence is now discussed at the board level, with chief information officers asked to identify solutions.

Krithivasan also said Tata Consultancy Services is exploring whether AI systems can govern other AI tools through multiple agents.

Cos begin to shift more cloud operations to AI

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

ENTERPRISES are beginning to hand more of their day-to-day cloud operations to artificial intelligence, moving towards what is described as a "human by exception" model, Anant Adya, EVP and service offering head at Infosys told TNIE.

In this approach, AI systems handle routine monitoring and fixes, while people step in only when decisions carry significant risk, he said.

The shift builds on existing hybrid and multi-cloud management systems focused on performance, scalability and reliability. "By integrating Agentic AI, robust and scalable self-managing capabilities are built to use large-scale telemetry with reasoning and execution agents to automate actions across complex cloud environments, supported by human oversight," he said.

In simple terms, the systems collect large amounts of operational data from across a company's cloud infrastructure, covering applications, networks and underlying systems, and use AI agents to analyse and act on that information. By unifying this data, enterprises create "a single, intelligent operating layer", helping move operations towards a "human by exception" model.

The AI agents are designed to spot early warning signs, detect unusual behaviour and carry out rapid triage. Instead of waiting for engineers to manually review alerts, the system can identify patterns and take action in high-volume situations. These include proactive monitoring, fleet management, backup assurance, incident triaging, recovery handling and change analysis.

RIL to hold 70% in AI arm; Meta owns 30% stake

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

RELIANCE Industries (RIL) will hold 70% in its enterprise intelligence subsidiary, while Meta Platforms has acquired the remaining 30%, following a restructuring of the group's artificial intelligence business.

In a stock exchange filings on Wednesday, RIL said Reliance Intelligence — a wholly owned subsidiary of the company—has infused ₹ 596.6 crore into Reliance Enterprise Intelligence (REIL). Facebook Overseas, Inc., a subsidiary of Meta, has invested ₹256.6 crore for a 30% stake. The transaction involved allotment of 85.31 crore equity shares at ₹10 each.

Post the investment, REIL will be owned 70% by Reliance Intelligence Limited and 30% by Facebook Overseas, Inc. While REIL ceases to be a step-down wholly owned subsidiary, it will continue as a step-down subsidiary of RIL, with majority ownership retained within the group.

BillDesk to take over Worldline payment biz

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

MUMBAI-headquartered digital payments processor Billdesk is set to acquire the India payments business of French financial services firm Worldline in a transaction valuing the unit at roughly $70 million in equity terms.

The transaction will combine BillDesk's online payment aggregation capabilities with Worldline India's payment aggregation business, bank transaction switching infrastructure and in-store merchant acquiring network. The platform is expected to offer merchants and financial institutions a broader suite of services across digital payments, recurring mandates, cross-border transactions, and physical point-of-sale (POS) and QR-based acceptance.

BillDesk provides payment solutions to merchants, banks, businesses and government entities. Worldline India's operations include payment aggregation and widely deployed transaction switching systems used by banks, along with on-ground acquiring infrastructure for in-store acceptance.

India unlikely to face any legal fallout of PLI at WTO

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

PLI gain for global cos

Global players are unlikely to criticise India's measures as foreign companies like Foxconn and Samsung get equal benefits from the schemes. So, this move by China is unlikely to tarnish India's image and affect its trade relation, say experts. Experts argued India has never promoted its PLI scheme as an export subsidy

DESPITE the World Trade Organization (WTO) setting up a panel to examine India's production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes for batteries, electric vehicles and related sectors, following a request by China, India is unlikely to face any legal consequences. Due to the absence of any functional appellate body at the WTO, there are no ways India can face any penalties or any other legal consequences.

"WTO disputes have no legal implications as the appellate body is now broken. However, there could be political implications, if the partner country is not happy. There won't be economic impact," said Biswajit Dhar, trade expert and former Director General of the Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), Ministry of External Affairs.

Experts argued India has never promoted its PLI scheme as an export subsidy; rather it is more of a manufacturing aid. So, technically, India can't be criticised for not creating a level playing field in exports.

Global players are unlikely to criticise India's measures as foreign companies like Foxconn and Samsung get equal benefits from the schemes. So, this move by China is unlikely to tarnish India's image and affect its trade relation, say experts.

"The PLI scheme is non-discriminatory and fully compliant with WTO norms. Global firms such as Foxconn, Apple suppliers and Samsung have all set up manufacturing bases in India and are benefiting under it. The incentives are linked to incremental sales and fresh investment, not exports, which strengthens India's position. While the scheme could be challenged on specific technical grounds, it will not be easy for China to establish a violation," said Jayant Dasgupta, former Indian ambassador to the WTO.

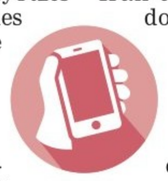
China has challenged India's production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes for advanced chemistry cell batteries, automobiles and auto components, and electric vehicles at the WTO, alleging that they discriminate against foreign firms. Beijing argues the measures breach core WTO principles, including national treatment rules and the ban on import substitution subsidies, and unfairly tilt the competitive landscape in favour of domestic manufacturers.

'Starlink must fulfil security clearance for India ops'

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

TELECOM minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Wednesday reiterated that Starlink, led by Elon Musk, must fulfil all security clearance requirements before starting services in India.

Responding to a question about the Iran incident — where Starlink reportedly began operating without a licence — the minister clarified that the existing security framework applies to all operators. "We have a performa of what the security rules are. Any operator complies with those rules will be allowed to operate in India," he said.



In Iran, Starlink was found to have operated without proper authorisation or licensing, despite the use of its services being banned by Iran. Reports indicate Starlink waived monthly subscription fees for users in Iran after authorities shut down internet services.

Currently, Starlink, Eutelsat OneWeb, and Jio Satellite Global Services have secured licences to provide satellite communication services in India. However, none of them has yet received mandatory security clearance required to roll out commercial services. Once these companies meet security criteria, the Department of Telecommunications will assign them spectrum to start commercial services.

He added that he is also eager to see satellite services launch in India, but emphasized that the rollout depends on two clear responsibilities — one of the government and one of the companies.

EXPRESS READ

Clean Max public issue gets subscribed 94%

NEW DELHI: The initial public offer of Clean Max Enviro Energy Solutions, a commercial renewable energy provider, received nearly 94% subscription on last day of share sale on Wednesday. The ₹3,100 crore IPO got bids for 2,05,69,556 shares against 2,18,23,329 shares. *ENS*

FLY91 inducts two ATR 72-600 aircraft

NEW DELHI: Goa-based regional carrier FLY91 has inducted two new ATR 72-600 aircraft into its fleet at a ceremony held recently at Dubai World Central (DWC). With this induction, FLY91's fleet now stands at six aircraft since commencing operations in March 2024. *ENS*

POWER MIN FORWARDS CAFE-III NORMS TO PMO

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

H D Kumaraswamy, Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel, said on Wednesday that the power ministry has sent the proposal on the Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency (CAFE)-III norms to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) after a meeting with stakeholders. The fresh development comes as India's auto industry remains divided over the treatment of small cars and changes in technical definitions.

"We already had a meeting with stakeholders and power ministry. The power ministry, according to my information, now, after the meeting with stakeholders they have sent the proposal to PMO," said Kumaraswamy on the sidelines of an event organised by FICCI. The minister, however, disclosed which draft has been forwarded to the PMO.

So far, two drafts of CAFE-III norms have been made public for inputs. Much of the industry's tussle revolves around the second draft which was released in September 2025. This draft seeks to make average CO2 emissions stricter from April 2027 while offering some relief for small petrol cars.

Haryana police arrest 4 accused in ₹590 cr IDFC First Bank fraud case

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE Haryana anti-corruption bureau has arrested four accused in the ₹590 crore IDFC First Bank fraud case.

According to a PTI report, arrests were made on February 24 evening as a part of the ongoing probe.

According to the ACB, of the four held two are government employees and the other two are ex-employees of the affected bank and they have allegedly defrauded ₹300 crore to a private firm linked to them.

The arrested individuals are Ribhav Rishi, Abhay Kumar, Swati Singla and Abhishek Singla, as per the ACB. While the first two are former bank employees of the affected branch, the last two are state government employees. The fraud took place at one of the branches in Chandigarh.

Addressing the media in Panchkula, ACB Director General AS Chawla said the fraud involved siphoning off ₹300 crore into a private firm's account, with most of the funds belonging to government departments, as per the PTI report.

While Rishi headed the bank's Sector 32 branch until six months ago, Abhay was a relationship manager and resigned around last August.

Swati Singla and brother Abhishek Singla ran a partnership firm, Swastik Desh Project, which investigators say was used to route the diverted funds. As per Chawla, Swati holds 75% stake in the firm and Abhishek owns remaining 25%. Swati is Abhay Kumar's wife.

"This is the main private firm into whose accounts most of the funds - nearly ₹300 crore - were transferred, and later moved further," Chawla said. While bulk of the money belonged to government departments, a smaller portion may have come from Chandigarh administration accounts. Investigators allege Rishi and Abhay masterminded the fraud.

Chawla also noted there were unusual cross-border movement of funds."The IDFC branch is in Chandigarh, the government departments are located in state territory, and the AU Small Finance Bank branch where the money was transferred is in Mohali," he said.

Police has set up a Special Investigation Team under the supervision of senior IPS officer Ganga Ram Punia.

Business & Beyond

Republic of Seychelles' VC Sebastien Pillay visits NBCC headquarters

The vice-president of the Republic of Seychelles, H E Sebastien Pillay, visited the headquarters of NBCC (India) Limited in New Delhi leading a high-level delegation. The Seychelles delegation held detailed discussions with K P Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC and other senior officers of the company regarding projects in Seychelles. During the meeting, comprehensive presentations were made to the delegation outlining infrastructure development for an area of about 139 acres of an island. The proposed development would include affordable social housing, leisure & hospitality, premium villas, sports arena, social infrastructure etc.

Global Cleantech Expo – Odisha 2026, held from February 20–21 in Bhubaneswar

The Global Cleantech Expo – Odisha 2026, held on February 20–21, 2026 in Bhubaneswar, concluded as Eastern India's largest clean energy and sustainable mobility exhibition. The event brought together industry leaders, policymakers, innovators, and investors to accelerate India's green energy transition. The expo saw participation from over 100 exhibitors and partners, attracted over 10,000 visitors and featured 10+ conference sessions with over 100 eminent speakers. Supported by the Green Initiative of Odisha government and GRIDCO, and powered by the Odisha Cleantech Association and NETRA, the event strengthened Odisha's position as a key hub for clean technology, innovation, and sustainable growth.

Canara Bank circle office Bhubaneswar conducts Mega Retail Expo

Bhubaneswar: Canara Bank, Circle Office Bhubaneswar has successfully conducted a Mega Retail Expo at Hotel Pal Heights, Bhubaneswar. The Retail Expo was conducted with the objective of promoting various Retail Loan products such as Home Loans, Vehicle Loans, Personal Loans, Education Loans, and other related banking services. The event aimed at expanding our retail portfolio, generating quality leads, and enhancing customer engagement in the Bhubaneswar region.The programme witnessed encouraging participation from 100 nos. of Builders, Automobile dealers, DSA (Direct Selling Agent) apart from branches in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack along-with regional heads, retail section of Circle Office and members of the business community. All the guests were informed about various retail lending products offered by Canara Bank with competitive rate of interest, repayment options and eligibility criteria. The meeting was presided over by Suman Chakraborty.

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MCC/333/2025-P4-GAD **E - TENDER NOTICE** 23/02/2026

Competitive e-Tenders/Tender/Re-Tenders (Two cover systems) are invited from established manufacturers/ authorized suppliers/agencies for the supply of the following items to MCC(PGIOSR) through e tender site www.etenders.kerala.gov.in and MCC(PGIOSR) website.

Sl. No	Item Details	Tender ID/Ref. No.
1	Digital Hotplate- stirrer with minimum 4 channel and magnetic stirrers	2025_MCC_809511_5
2	Pneumatic Compression devices for Lymphedema management	2025_MCC_811399_6
3	Low Volume Microfluidic System	2026_MCC_834254_2
4	Digital C-Arm Fluoroscope X-Ray Machine	2025_MCC_825472_2
5	Biomedical Waste Incinerator and all associated works in MCC (PGIOSR)	2025_MCC_819119_3
6	UV Laser Cassette/Slide Printer	2026_MCC_838169_1
7	Suction Machines	2026_MCC_838999_1
8	Cryogenic Vials & 96 Well Storage Boxes for Biobank Facility	2025_MCC_824524_4
9	Ventilators	2026_MCC_826929_2
10	Fully automated Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) Equipment	2026_MCC_834364_2

For details visit:www.mcc.kerala.gov.in or contact Purchase Division. Sd/-Director

NOTICE INVITING e-AUCTION

Auction No. : 02/AUCTION/ EECLT/2025-2026

The Executive Engineer, CPWD, Calicut for and on behalf of the President of India invites online bids from interested vendors/contractors for the e-auction "As is and Where is Basis" of the Old Buildings (excluding land) at Income Tax staff quarters, Beach Road, Calicut, including Demolition of the Old Buildings, Removal of Salvaged Materials and Site Cleaning.

Reserve Price : **Rs. 5,30,000/-**
Earnest money : **Rs. 53,000/-**
Last date for EMD submission: **03.03.2026 upto 3:00 PM**
E-Auction Date & Time : **04.03.2026 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

The detailed terms, conditions and specifications can be downloaded from the website https://eauction.cpwd.gov. in.

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Ballari

Email: ee_pwdbellary@yahoo.com Telephone No: 08392 -266123

No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-6/KKRDB/2025-26/6137 **Dated :21.02.2026**

Short Term Tender Notification (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through Karnataka public procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site https:kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.**TABLE**

SI No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33414	130.00
2)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33859	63.00
3)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33854	63.00
4)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33857	63.00
5)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33855 (Reserved CAT-2A Category)	65.00
6)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33856 (Reserved CAT-2A Category)	72.65
7)	PWD/2025-26/BR/WORK_INDENT33869 (Reserved ST Category)	90.00
8)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33852	50.00
9)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33469	70.00
10)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33652 (Reserved SC Category)	100.00
11)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33632	100.00
12)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33634	66.99
13)	PWD/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT33473	80.00

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions and also re-tender, tenderers can view in KP Procurement Portal. No Separate Tender notification will be published in the News paper. in this regard.

1)Venue, Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting for the works: **27.02.2026 at 11.00 AM in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.** 2)Last dates for queries (through KP-procurement portal: **02.03.2026 upto 12.00 Hours.** 3)Last date for submission of tenders through kp-procurement portal: **04.03.2026 upto 16.00 Hours.** 4)Date and time of opening of Technical Bids: **05.03.2026 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

DIPR/Ballari/1047/KSMCA/2025-26

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: EEE/PD/CTA/25-26/4300-301 Date: 07.02.2026

NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited have formulated following schemes under section 67 of the Electricity Supply Act 2003 and the schemes are herewith published in pursuance of section 67(2)(C) of the said Act for information to the general public. Particulars of the schemes are as follows.

1. Name of the work:- Establishing 2X20 MVA, 66/11kV Sub-station at **P. Mahadevapura** & Construction of 66kV LILO line on 110kV DC towers with coyote conductor from existing 66kV Parasharampura - Shylapura SC line to proposed 66/11kV Sub-station at P. Mahadevapura for a distance of 0.120km in Challakere Taluk & Chitradurga District. **Proposed 66KV Line Passing through areas:-** P. Mahadevapura. **Approximate project cost:- Rs. 1789.19 Lakhs.**

2. Name of the work:- Establishing 2X20MVA, 66/11kV sub-station at **Kodihalli** in Chitradurga taluk and District with Construction of 66kV DC line on 110kV DC towers from on-going 220/66/11kV Bharamasagara (Ajjappanahalli) Sub-station for a distance of 9.305 kms using Panther conductor & Construction of 02 Nos of 66kV Terminal bay at on-going 220/66/11kV Bharamasagara (Ajjappanahalli) Sub-station in Chitradurga Taluk & Dist. **Proposed 66KV Line Passing through areas :-** Ajjappanahalli , Nellikatte, Isamudra, Gollarahalli and Kalagere. **Approximate project cost:- Rs. 2941.13 Lakhs.**

3. Name of the work:- Establishing 2X20MVA, **66/11kV sub-station at Siddavvanadurga** & Construction of 66 KV DC line from on-going 220/66/11kV Bharamasagara Sub-station for a distance of 10.702kms using panther conductor to proposed 66/11kV Siddavvanadurga S/S by Partially Utilizing Existing 220kV Davanagere to Chitradurga SC line in Chitradurga Taluk & District along with the construction 02 Nos of 66kV terminal bays at on-going 220/66/11kV Bharamasagara Sub-station in Chitradurga Taluk & dist. **Proposed 66KV Line Passing through areas :-** Ajjappanahalli, Adavigollarahalli, Hirekabbigere, Chikkabbigere, Muddapura & Siddavvanadurga. **Approximate project cost:- Rs. 4413.17 Lakhs.**

4. Name of the work:- Establishing 2X20MVA, **66/11kV sub-station at Jalikkatte** & Construction of 66kV line from 220kV SRS Chitradurga Sub-Station in new corridor using 630 Sqmm UG Cable for a distance of 3.980Km upto location no:01 of 66kV Chitradurga-Pandrahalli SC line-1 and Stringing 2nd circuit on 66 kV Chitradurga-Pandrahalli SC line-1 from location No: 1 to location No.- 52 for distance of 7.658kms using Drake conductor and Construction of 66kV line from Location No: 52 of 66kV Chitradurga-Pandrahalli SC line- 1 upto Proposed 66kV Jalikatte Sub-station by using 630 Sqmm UG Cable for a distance of 0.659km & Construction 01 no of 66kV Terminal Bay at 220/66/11kV Chitradurga Sub-Station to terminate the 66kV UG Cable for proposed 66/11kV Sub-station Jalikatte in Chitradurga Taluk & Dist. & De-commissioning work: Dismantling of tower & conductor in the proposed line work. **Proposed 66KV Line Passing through areas :-** Old Bengaluru road , Chalalkere Gate, Basaveshwara Hospital service road, Turuvanuru road Junction, 66/11kV Sub-Station Chitradurga front road, Kelagote, Pillekarenahalli, Medehalli, Vidyanagara, Matadha Kurubarahatti, Mallanakatte, Koddaiahanahatti, J.I.Kavadigarahatti, Maalappanahatti and Jalikatte. **Approximate project cost:- Rs. 5509.29 Lakhs.**

5. Name of the work:- Establishing 2X20MVA, **66/11kV sub-station at Handpost** and Conversion of 66kV SC line on SC towers to DC line on DC towers from Location No.89 Panchanahalli junction point to 66/11kV Panchanahalli sub-station for about 27.032kms using Coyote conductor with 66kV LILO to proposed 66/11kV Handpost sub-station from 66kV Hosadurga-Panchanahalli line for a distance of 0.352km with Coyote conductor in Hosadurga Taluk, Chitradurga District along with Construction of one number of 66kV Terminal Bay at existing 66/11kV Panchanahalli sub-station in Kadur Taluk, Chikkamangaluru Dist along with dismantling portion of tower & conductors. **Proposed 66KV Line Passing through areas :-** Muttagundi, Hagalkere, Ulavinagondi, Kalkere, Erannanapalya, Tumbinakere, Bhovi hatti, Krishnapura, Yadagatta, Hanumanahatti, Avalipalya, Hosakere, Niduvalli Thandya, Panchanahalli & Hosaralu. **Approximate project cost:- Rs. 4090.53 Lakhs.**

6. Name of the work:- Establishing 2X20 MVA, **66/11kV Sub-station at Talya (Madderu)** & Construction of 66kV LILO line from existing 66kV Chitrahalli-H.D.Pura DC line to the proposed 66/11kV Sub-Station at Talya (Madderu) using coyote conductor for a distance of 3.777 kms in Holalkere Taluk Chitradurga Dist. **Proposed 66KV Line Passing through areas :-** Nellikatte & Madderu **Approximate project cost:- Rs. 2136.26 Lakhs.**

7. Name of the work:- Establishing 2x20 MVA, **66/11 kV sub-station at Belaghatta** & Construction of 66kV DC Line on MC/DC Towers from 220/66kV Chitradurga S/S to Proposed 66/11kV Belaghatta S/S by Utilizing Cross arm of existing MC Towers (up to Gonuru Limits) along with replacement of existing Coyote Conductor by HPC of ampacity 700amps Conductor for a distance of 11.394kms and Construction of 66kV SC Link Line on MC/DC Towers from Proposed 66/11kV Belaghatta S/S to Link existing 66kV Chitradurga - Turuvanuru SC Line for a distance of 0.21kms & construction of 01 No of 66kV terminal bay at 220/66/11kV Sub-station Chitradurga along with Dismantling of Isolator, PT in the proposed 66kV Terminal Bay at 220/66/11kV SRS Chitradurga, & dismantling tower & conductors in the proposed line work. **Proposed 66KV Line Passing through areas:-** Madakaripura, Gonuru, Veeramadakaripura, Sasaluhatti, Bacchaboranahatti & Belaghatta. **Approximate project cost:- Rs. 3703.00 Lakhs**

KPTCL shall have and exercise all powers which the telegraph authorities possess under Part-III of the Indian Telegraphs Act 1885(13 of 1885) for implementation of the above said schemes. Any objections or discrepancies regarding the above schemes shall be sent to the office of undersigned **within 30 days** from the date of publication of this notification for KPTCL's pursuance.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele.), Projects Division, KPTCL, # 9584 & 9585, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross (East) , JCR Circle, Chitradurga-577 501, Ph.No. 08194-220943.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Notice u/s 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002
Rule 8(1) of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas the undersigned being Authorized officer of Punjab & Sind Bank under the SARFAESI ACT- 2002 in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with the relevant rules of the security interest (enforcement) rules, 2002 issued demand notice under section 13(2) on **06.11.2025**, calling upon the borrower- **M/S Vin Agro Exporters Pvt. Ltd** Office address : II/ 667/1, Kattaikonam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala- 695584. and Guarantor/Mortgagor **Mr. Vinod V S/o- Mr. Vijaya Kumar Nair**, Residence address- 335/42, 58th cross, 3rd block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560010. and also at Block no. 12, Ayirooppara Village, Taluk-Thiruvananthapuram, Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala and also at TC-2/667, Vijaya Bhavan, Chanthavila, Kattayikonam, P.O. Thiruvananthapuram- 695584 and guarantor **Mrs. Kavitha C Vinod W/o- Vinod V**, Address- 335/42, 58th cross, 3rd block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560010, on their individual capacity to repay the amount **Rs. 98,78,299.52 (Rupees Ninety Eight Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Two hundred ninety nine and paisa fifty two only)** as on **31.10.2025** plus interest /charges from **01.11.2025** mentioned in the notice within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the Public in general that the undersigned the Authorized officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with relevant rules on this day on 23.02.2026.

The Borrowers in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **PUNJAB & SIND BANK, CHICKPET AREA BRANCH, BANGALORE-560053.** for an amount **Rs. 1,02,24,703.52 (Rupees One Crore Two lakh twenty four thousand seven hundred three and paisa fifty two)** as on **31.01.2026** plus interest/charges thereon till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTI ON OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential property Re.sy.No. 88/16-2 (old Sy. No. 1794/7,8,9,5,12), property area 4.05 ares(10 Cents)(4355 sq.ft.), Block No. 12 at Ayirooppara Village, Thiruvananthapuram Taluk,Thiruvananthapuram District, Kerala. Properties Bounded by: **East :** Property of Mr. Vijaykumar Nair , **West :** Property of Mr. Vinod Kumar , **North :** Property of Mr. Vijaykumar Nair & **South :** Road.

Date : 23.02.2026 **Authorized Officer**
Place :Thiruvananthapuram **Punjab & Sind Bank**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that I have lost/misplaced the **B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) Certificate issued by The West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata dated 23rd June 2007 to me.** The above document could not be traced despite my best efforts, and I have lodged a police complaint at J.C. Nagar Police Station to this effect.

Hence, this is to inform the general public that if any person or persons happen to come into possession of the above document, the same may kindly be sent to the undersigned advocate, whose name and address are mentioned below.

MANEESHA KONGOVI, Advocate
No. 677, 9th A Cross, 2nd Stage,
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IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT AT UDUPI

M.C.No.235/2025

Between:
Sri Shailesh, aged about 32 years, S/o K. Shashidhar Madhyastha, R/at 11/184, New Durga Coffee Works, Subhash Road, Ananthapuram, Andrapradesh- 515001 --- Petitioner

And

Smt. Vaishnavi, Aged about 28 years, W/o Shailesh, D/o Anantha Padmanabha Ballal, R/at Kadalipriya House, Mutturme, Perdoor Village and Post, udupi Taluk and District - Respondent.

NOTICE

Respondent:
Smt. Vaishnavi, Aged about 28 years, D/o Anantha Padmanabha Ballal, Harman Company, 2, A1, 152, Pattandur Agrahara, Village Main Rd, Opposite to ITPL, KIADB Export, Promotion Industrial Area, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru- 560066

Please take notice that the M.C.No.235/2025 case is filed by the petitioner under section 13 (1) (ib) of Hindu marriage act, stands posted to your appearance on 26-03-2026 at 11 A.M. If you fail to appear on the said date the above case will be head and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this 21 st day of Februrary 2026.

By order of the Court
Sd/-Sheristedar

Sd/-Theerthakala N.J.
Advocate for Petitioner
Canara Towers, 1st Floor,
Opp: Treasury office,
Mission Hospital Road, Udupi
Date: 20-02-2026

Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited

Karnataka One State, Many worlds Department of Tourism

(A Government Undertaking)
CIN :U70100KA2015SGC081817
#54, 5th Floor, Indhana Bhavana, Racecourse Road, Opposite Renaissance Hotel, Bangalore-560001. Ph (080) 22352828. Fax: (080) 22352626

No.KTIL/YO-01/12/2025-26 **Date:25.02.2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Executive Engineer, Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited Bangalore, Invited the Tenders to promote tourism activities throughout the state,Renovation of Kuteera Mini High Mast Light at Hosahithlu Kirimanjeshwara beach at Byndoor Taluk Udupi District (Indent No. KTIL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT40) and Selection of Consultant for Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Development of Tourist Destinations and Renovation of Mining Affected Area with Karnataka Mine Environment Restoration Corporation Under CEPMIZ Scheme Development of Various Tourism Infrastructure Facilities at Tumkur District Call-2 (Indent No. DT/2025-26/SE0127 Call-2). The respective tenders published under Karnataka public procurement portal **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. The details of the Tender & Calendar of Events are available at **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal.

Postponement of Calendar of events (if any), subsequent notification, changes, amendments, and selection/rejection of proposal shall be intimated only through Karnataka public procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers. Department of Tourism reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reasons thereof.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer and Tender Inviting Authority,
DIPR/CP/5874/NR/2025-26 **Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited**

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Gurudeep Rai/ TBBNG00007082066	As Described In The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of The Site Bearing Bda No.15/A, Present Municipal No.15/A, Pid No.39-118-15/A, Situated At 1st Stage, 3rd Phase, Chandra Layout, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Old Ward No.39, New Ward No.128, Bangalore, And Measuring East To West 40-0" (Forty) Feet, And North To South 30'-0" (thirty) Feet, In All Measuring 1200 Sq. Feet. And Bounded On: Bounded By: North: Site No.15. South: Drainage. East:site No.14. West: Road./ Date of Physical Possession on/ 24/02/2026.	09.12.2025 Rs. 1,44,33,069.64/-	Bang-alore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: February 26, 2026 Sincerely Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore For ICICI Bank Ltd.

Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited

(CIN:U40107KA2015PLC079223)
6/13/1, KREDL Office Building, 5th Floor, 10th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru - 72.

No. KSPDCL/F-219/2025-26/1259 Date:25.02.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Karnataka Solar Power Development Corporation Limited is establishing a 300MW$_{AC}$ Solar PV Project in Pavagada Solar Park along with the associated transmission line and the same is herewith published in pursuance of Section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for information to the public. Particulars of the scheme is as follows:

Name of the Project: Establishing Ground Mounted Grid Connected Decentralized 300MW$_{AC}$ Solar PV Project along with associated 220kV transmission line of about 18.8 Kms and interconnection at 220kV level of 400/220kV Pavagada, PGCIL substation in Pavagada Solar Park.

Name of the Solar Power Developer: M/s JSW Renew Energy Twenty Limited
220kV Line passing through areas:

District	Taluk	Hobli	Village	Survey No.
Tumakuru	Pavagada	Nagalamadike	Rayacherlu	116/2, 115/2, 114, 109/2, 109/1, 106/2, 106/1, 104/2, 103/1, 103/2, 103/3, 79/6, 79/4
			Kyataganacherlu	197/6, 196/3, 202, 204/5, 214, 212,102,101
Sri Sathya Sai	Ramagiri	Ramagiri	Ramagiri	139/2, 138A, 137B, 135/2, 135/1, 133/A, 133/F, 132/2, 131/1, 128/1A, 23, 17, 16ABC, 15/2, 15/1, 13/3, 12A, 1/2, 920/2,
			Nasonakota	917/7, 673, 670/2, 670/1A, 680/4A, 682/7B, 683, 651/1B, 665, 660

KSPDCL shall have and exercise all the powers which the telegraph authorities possess under Part III of the Indian Telegraphs Act 1885 (13 of 1885) for implementation of the above said scheme.

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, KSPDCL

NORTH WESTERN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Controller of Stores and Purchases Central Office, Gokul Road, Hubballi - 580 030.

Tender Notification No. : 13/2025-26 **Date : 25-02-2026**

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (KPPP)

Tenders are invited from the interested bidders for supply of the materials or for providing the services as shown below.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description of the Tender	Tender Value (Approx.)
01	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0179	Spring Leaves for the vehicles.	Rs. 655.00 lakh
02	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0185	Automotive Lubricants, Greases & Coolant.	Rs. 525.00 lakh
03	NWKRTC/2025-26/SE2641	Providing 250 Nos. Technical Assistants	Rs. 427.00 lakh
04	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0176	Ball and Roller Bearings.	Rs. 398.00 lakh
05	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0183	Air Compressors.	Rs. 215.00 lakh
06	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0178	Water Pump and Parts.	Rs. 164.00 lakh
07	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0188	235/75R, 17.5" Tubeless Radial Tyres.	Rs. 107.00 lakh
08	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0177	Fan Belts.	Rs. 100.00 lakh
09	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0182	Self Adhesive Plastic Felt.	Rs. 59.42 lakh
10	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0173/Call-2	Printing and supply of Bus Passes.	Rs. 44.00 lakh
11	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0181	Aluminium Pop Rivets.	Rs. 43.33 lakh
12	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0136/Call-2	Machinery for reconditioning of Engines.	Rs. 40.00 lakh
13	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0189	Smart Cards.	Rs. 27.50 lakh
14	NWKRTC/2025-26/IND0184	Industrial Gases.	Rs. 13.96 lakh
15	NWKRTC/2025-26/SE2605	Service of the Experts in the Revenue & Land Survey matters.	Rs. 10.00 lakh

Last Date and Time for Submission of Bids : For the Tenders at Sl. No. 1 to 5 is 30-03-2026, for the Tenders at Sl. No. 6 to 15 it is 14-03-2026 till 17.30 Hrs. For details visit Website : http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Or Contact Mobile Phone Nos : 7022009113 / 7760988557.

DIPR/Dharwad/1279/Manipal/2025-26

Sd/- Controller of Stores & Purchases, (Tender Inviting Authority).

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(A Government of India Undertaking)

MS BUILDING BRANCH, #4 & 5 ,Ground Floor , M.S.Building , Vidhana Soudha Annexe, BENGALURU-560001.
cb10692@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,
Borrower : 1.M/s. K S Silver Article,
No 3/2-3, 9th Cross, Magadi Road, K P Agrahara, Bangalore-560023.
2.Mrs. Kavitha S (Proprietor) W/o Suresh G,
No -9, 3rd Cross, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010
3.Mr. Manjunath N (Guarantor and Mortgagor)
4. Mrs. Gangamma (Mortgagor) W/o Manjunath N
Both are at : No 108, Karekallu, Near SBI Community Hall, Kamakshi Palya, Bangalore 560079.

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, **M S Building Branch** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **M/s. K S Silver Article,** Represented by Proprietor **Mrs. Kavitha S** (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreement/s in favor of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above-mentioned agreements.

That **Mrs.Kavitha S , Sri. Manjunath N and Smt.Gangamma** (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor") has guaranteed the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities up to the limit of **Rs. 25,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakhs Only)** with interest thereon.

That **Sri.Manjunath N and Smt. Gangamma** (hereinafter referred to as "the Mortgagor") has mortgaged the scheduled property mentioned in Schedule - B for payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities up to the limit of **Rs. 25,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty-Five Lakhs Only)** with interest thereon.

You (The person mentioned in schedule B) have also entered in to agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

However, from **15.11.2025,** the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured assets shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on **17/02/2026** amounts to **Rs. 5,96,164.78 (Rupees Five Lakh Ninty Six Thousand One hundred Sixty Four and Paisa Seventy-Eight Only)** the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in Schedule C hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ installment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as Non Performing Asset (NPA) as on **15/02/2026** in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in Schedule C hereunder to the secured creditor within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate of **11.65 %** per annum together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum of

Rs. 5,96,164.78 (Rupees Five Lakh Ninty Six Thousand One hundred Sixty Four and Paisa Seventy-Eight Only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Guarantor fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely;

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Guarantor including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;

(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt; and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

You are also put on notice that in terms of section 13(13) the Borrower/ Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor. It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE –A

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

S No.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Date of sanction	Amount
1	170003368720	MSME TERM LOAN	17/01/2022	Rs.25,00,000.00

SCHEDULE –B

Details of Security Assets : Immovable :
All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing No 108, situated at Karekallu, Kamakshipalya Ward No 101(18), (PID No 18-76-108) coming under the limits of BBMP, measuring east to west 15.00 feet, and North to South 31.00 feet totally measuring 465 Sq. ft and Bounded on **East by :** House No 107 of Ramaiah and Venkatesh, **West by :** 3 feet Passage Nagaraj M House Gally and House no 109, **North By :** 5 feet Passage Shankarappa House Gally and **South By:** Hanumanthappa House. **Name of Title Holder : Sri. Manjunath N and Smt. Gangamma.**

SCHEDULE – C

[Details of liability as on date]

S No.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan	LIABILITY	RATE OF INTEREST
1	170003368720	MSME TERM LOAN	Rs. 5,96,164.78	11.65%

Place : Bangalore, Date : 25.02.2026 **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

Massive challenge for Surya & Co

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @ Chennai

DEFENDING champions India take on Zimbabwe in a must-win game at the MA Chidambaram stadium on Thursday night. The loss to South Africa in their previous game has put India in a perilous situation as they need to win both their remaining games. And even that may not be enough as NRR may be involved.

India will hesitate to make too many changes at this stage of the tournament vut they will likely bring back Axar Patel for Washington Sundar. Sanju Samson may also get a look in if the team management decides to take the current top three out of the firing line.

Irrespective of what changes they make, how will they handle pressure? "See, obviously, a World Cup in India, there will be pressure and a lot of expectations. I am a big believer that any international game you play, you will feel pressure. And this is a big pressure game, obviously, when you are representing a country," said Sitanshu Kotak in the pre-match press conference.

The batting coach believed that his players have the ability and mental toughness to beat Zimbabawe. "I honestly believe just because we lost one game and we did not have a good partnership and all, people talk more about it (pressure). But I honestly think they all are good enough to handle that pressure. If we want to win the World

Tilak Varma during a training session in Chennai on Wednesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Cup, we have to handle that pressure. So, it's just, I'm personally looking for that momentum. Once we start getting that momentum again, if we do it from tomorrow (Thursday), I think they will be picking up at the right time," he added.

One of the reasons for India to lose against South Africa was the tendency to go for boundaries from ball one. Many former cricketers are of the opinion that there is method in the madness in the game's shortest version. But Kotak said it's important to keep playing shots freely. "In T20, if you worry too much about temperament and not playing your shots freely.. Its not going to help. So, for that (not lose wickets in powerplay), honestly, if you lose a couple of wickets, you have to try and see that you see a few balls and play normal cricket for the next six to eight balls," opined Kotak.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MUST-WIN MATCH

A LOOK AT THE CO-HOSTS' DO-OR-DIE GAME AGAINST ZIMBABWE IN CHENNAI ON THURSDAY...

Many questions plague Indian team

Not too long ago, India could plug & play players in this format. But because of a cascading effect, they are suddenly left with too many selection headaches.

Muzarabani's high release point

India have generally not liked the bounce tall bowlers extract off the surface. Blessing Muzarabani could be a big threat for the co-hosts.

Homecoming for Chakravarthy

On Thursday, Varun will have a chance to make a difference in front of friends and family. He's such a key man & India will want him back among the wickets.

Co-hosts' top-order frailties

India's T20I prowess over the last 18 months or so was built on the top-order bullying teams into submission. That's yet to play out at the World Cup.

Weather watch

Conditions have drastically changed over the last 10 days or so. Expect dew to play a significant role.

India vs Zimbabwe @ Chennai | 7 PM

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR

Fallback plan, way forward

Men in Blue seek maximum points against Zimbabwe in Chennai in order to stay alive

GOMESH S @ Chennai

ON a hot Wednesday afternoon, the press box at the MA Chidambaram Stadium is buzzing. India were supposed to arrive at the venue for optional training on the eve of an all-important must-win Super 8s encounter against Zimbabwe by 2 PM, but they hadn't yet. Soon, word spread that it was going to be just Varun Chakravarthy and Tilak Varma with batting coach Sitanshu Kotak addressing the media.

Varun and Tilak, in many ways, have been the key players to discuss through the course of this World Cup for the co-hosts. The mystery spinner, on one hand, has been the crux of India's bowling success until Sunday when South Africa batters took him apart. On the other hand, Tilak has struggled to find rhythm and form through the tournament, especially against spinners.

These are two players integral to India's plan A — have a gung-ho batting approach, post massive totals and run through opponents — over the last 12 months or so. And it is not even a competition. Among bowlers with 20 T20I wickets or more since 2025, Varun is joint-leader with Mohammad Nawaz. The Indian has 50 scalps in 26 innings. His average (AVG) of 13.84 and a strike rate (SR) of 11.2 is only second to Kuldeep Yadav. The left-arm wrist spinner has 26 wickets in 13 innings at 12.88 AVG and 10.2 SR.

Tilak, meanwhile, has been the second-best batter (674 runs at 39.64 AVG and 127.41 SR) for India after Abhishek Sharma (1056 runs at 37.71 AVG and 196.64 SR) since 2024. His role, in this line-up, is to hold one end while everyone else go bonkers around him. He said as much in

Varun Chakravarthy (top) checks the pitch Wednesday; India captain Suryakumar Yadav during a training session on Tuesday in Chennai | ASHWIN PRASATH

New Delhi less than two weeks ago. But for him to do that, India need their openers — Abhishek and Ishan Kishan/Sanju Samson — to bat through powerplay as they did in the past.

In 18 innings last year, Tilak came in before the fourth over only eight times. And in those matches, he averages 50.33 with two unbeaten fifties to show, including the Asia Cup final against Pakistan. India expected the same of him when they made him the designated No 3 just before the World Cup. However, he has not been able to replicate the same — 107 runs in five innings at 21.4 AVG and 118.88 SR. While India managed to negate Tilak's struggle and get across the line through the group stages, thanks to Varun's brilliance, when the spinner was taken to cleaners by South Africa, the defending champions were caught off-guard. They did not seem to have any alternate plans as the Proteas handed them a 76-run win. In the 76 hours since, questions have been raised as India look to keep their semifinal hopes alive. What is India's plan B? Do they have one? Will they stick to what has worked over the last 18 months? Or do they change up under pressure and hope it works?

Is Sanju Samson an option to open while either of Kishan or Abhishek, and potentially the latter, moves down to No 3? Batting coach Sitanshu Kotak said it is part of the discussions. And if he does come in, Samson is likely to replace Rinku Singh, but it would mean Tilak will move further down the order. What about Varun? The mystery spinner, unlike Ahmedabad, is at his home ground and knows the conditions on the back of his hand. He is expected to start, but it remains to be seen whether India pick Kuldeep as an attacking bowling option. However, for that to happen, India can only play two frontline seamers — Jasprit Bumrah and Hardik Pandya. Kotak hinted as much as he said Kuldeep cannot be their No 8. If Varun and Kuldeep were to play, and one between Axar Patel and Washington will be their No 8. "I personally think it's difficult because you want batting till No 8 also. So, if number 8, if you are thinking about the spinner, then you will obviously think about an all-rounder," Kotak said.

Even as he addressed the media, Varun was doing spot bowling at the far end pitch in the middle while Tilak was taking throwdowns in the MAC B nets.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

INTRIGUING BATTLE

THE MATCH WHOSE OUTCOME COULD POTENTIALLY DECIDE WHAT INDIA HAS TO DO. A LOOK AT SOUTH AFRICA VS WEST INDIES IN THE AFTERNOON HEAT OF AHMEDABAD...

Hetmyer's renaissance

Shimron Hetmyer's abundant talent was wasted down the order. Not anymore. A promotion to No 3 and the southpaw is making up for lost time. Last time out, he belted Zimbabwe to score the fastest 50 by a West Indian at the World Cup. He will have a big role to play against the mix and match Proteas pacers and slower bowlers.

Ngidi's variations

This World Cup has increasingly seen the pacers dip into their vast toolkit for variations. None more than Lungi Ngidi whose box of tricks has come in very handy. It's why he has an economy rate of 6.62 after 16 overs, one of the best by a pacer in this tournament. His battle against the likes of Rovman Powell, Romario Shepherd and Jason Holder will be fascinating.

Windies win will reduce Group 1 to NRR calculations

A West Indies win will heap further pressure on India with respect to Net Run Rate. Because both West Indies and South Africa have superior NRRs and assuming the Proteas will beat Zimbabwe in their final group game, such a scenario could force India to adopt an ultra aggressive approach against Zimbabwe. Of course there's no guarantee that such an approach will give them the necessary success.

Weather watch

Expect a lot of Sun with temperatures hovering close to 35 deg C. Dew will not be a factor but there could be some grip for the slower bowlers.

West Indies vs South Africa @ Ahmedabad | 3 PM

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS & JIOHOTSTAR

Graced & loved by God: Zim bros' tale

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

"GRATEFUL" is the word Tadiwanashe Marumani uses whilst talking about being a part of the Zimbabwe team that has reached the Super 8s of ongoing World Cup. The keeper and opening batter, who made some key contributions in his team's historic win against Australia and Sri Lanka, wears his family name — Marumani — on his back.

However, that is not all he does. In his heart, he carries the dream of his younger brother Tanatswa. Hailing from a family of cricketing siblings, Tadiwanashe and the youngest sibling Tawananyasha play for the Zimbabwe men's and women's team, respectively. Unfortunately, Tanatswa's dream of becoming a cricketer ended abruptly due to septic arthritis on both his hips.

Tanatswa may have emerged the most talented out of the three siblings as he got into the Lilfordia school in Nyabira district (34km from Harare) — country's oldest independent primary boarding school which produced the likes of Andy Flower — on a cricket scholarship. He then moved to Falcon college in Matabeleland to further hone his trade in cricket.

At this point, Tadiwanashe and his family thought he would play for the country soon.

However, the dream came crashing down when he had to be operated on for arthritis in 2020. The road back was filled with struggle. While Tanatswa was able to walk, he could not find his mojo back with the bat, as he struggled with mobility. "I actually thought he'd play for Zimbabwe, but you know, some things are really out of our control. And for me to be playing for my country each and every day, it's really an honour," the Zimbabwean opener told this daily. "It was really emotional and really heartbreaking because I also remember I was still in school. And it was something new to me, I couldn't really know how to deal with it (...)," he added.

When he was in recovery Tanatswa took to photography and decided to become a sports photographer. It was his way of being associated with the sport he loved. In his personal site, Tanatswa says that he has covered Zimbabwe's matches against New Zealand and South Africa in the tri-series last year and the Zim Afro T10 League in 2024. "For him (Tanatswa), getting into sports photography was just a way of him trying to be involved in sports because he couldn't really get on the field or actually fit enough to play cricket (...)," Tadiwanashe said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Mitchell Santner (L) and Cole McConchie in action on Wednesday | AFP

Skipper Santner helps NZ hand SL big defeat

AGENCIES @ Colombo

NEW ZEALAND pulled out a great escape thanks to an 83-run alliance for the seventh wicket before Matt Henry and Rachin Ravindra ran through the spine of the Sri Lankan side.

On a tricky wicket where there was copious amount of turn, New Zealand reached 168 on the back of that partnership between Mitchell Santner and Cole McConchie. It was over par as the co-hosts found out. They battled gamely after losing two wickets in the first 13 balls but they kept losing wickets to lose by 61 runs. **Brief scores:** NZ 168/7 in 20 ovs (Ravindra 32, Santner 47; Theekshana 3/30) **bt** Sri Lanka 107/8 in 20 ovs (Kamindu 31; Rachin 4/27, Henry 2/3).

Bodo/Glimt sink Inter to maintain fairytale run

AGENCIES @ Paris

Norway's Bodo/Glimt pulled off one of the most remarkable results in modern Champions League history on Tuesday, beating last season's runners-up Inter Milan 2-1 at San Siro to reach the last 16 with a 5-2 aggregate triumph, while Newcastle United, Atletico Madrid and Bayer Leverkusen also went through.

Bodo/Glimt, the modest outfit from north of the Arctic Circle, were looking to follow up their stunning 3-1 win last week in Norway in the first leg of their knockout phase play-off tie. Inter, the three-time European champions, were expected to pummel their visitors in an attempt to turn the tie around. But Bodo/Glimt survived at the back before finishing off the tie in the second half.

Bodo/Glimt players rejoice after the match on Tuesday | AP

Jens Petter Hauge, who played for AC Milan in 2020/21, gave his team the lead just before the hour mark after a mistake by Manuel Akanji had allowed Ole Blomberg in for an initial shot which was saved.

Hakon Evjen made it 2-0 on the night and 5-1 on aggregate, leaving Inter with too much to do, even if Alessandro Bastoni pulled one back with a shot that just crossed the line.

Results: Atletico Madrid 4-1 Club Brugge; Atletico win 7-4 on aggregate. Bayer Leverkusen 0-0 Olympiacos; Bayer win 2-0 on aggregate. Inter 1-2 Bodo/Glimt; Bodo/Glimt win 5-2 on aggregate; Newcastle 3-2 Qarabag; Newcastle win 9-3 on aggregate.

J & K batters stand out yet again to help team post 527/6 on Day 2

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

IT was yet another day that belonged to Jammu & Kashmir. As was the case on the opening day, their batters once again navigated tough spells from Karnataka bowlers to come out on top on Wednesday. Led by a stubborn innings by captain Paras Dogra, who was involved in a gentle headbutt against substitute fielder KV Aneesh, J & K finished with a skyscraper — 527/6 — on Day 2 in Hubballi.

Shuhham Pundir (121) was the standout on the opening day. But J & K batters have hunted in packs so far with as many as six batters crossing the 50-run mark. The skyscraper could grow taller as Sahil Lotra (batting on 57) and Abid Mushtag (20), with a budding partnership of 56, are currently occupying the crease.

Resuming at 284/2, J & K lost centurion Pundir and Abdul

J&K captain Paras Dogra hit 70 runs on Day 2 against Karnataka | D HEMANTH

Samad (61) in quick succession. However, Kanhaiya Wadhaman and J & K skipper Dogra steadied the J & K ship to frustrate the Karnataka bowlers. The former, in particular, made a fairly quick start, hitting five fours in the span of a few overs. Dogra, in the meantime, was watchful. Then they stitched together a partnership of 110 runs before Wadhaman was dismissed by Shikhar Shetty. "(We spoke about) having a good partnership. Let's dig in because this time won't come again. Try to give your best and take the team in a good position," he later told reporters.

Dogra, joined by Lotra, brought up his fifty later. But it was Lotra who was picking up boundaries freely to add to Karnataka bowlers' miseries. Dogra's defiant innings was finally ended by Shreyas Gopal. The batter was undone by a googly.

The only dampener for J & K was the headbutt incident. Dogra was involved in a heated exchange with Aneesh and headbutted him on the helmet shortly after hitting a four off Prasidh Krishna.

Brief scores: J & K 527/6 in 156 ovs (Shubham 121, Hassan 88, Dogra 70, Wadhawan 70; Prasidh 3/90) vs Karnataka.

EXPRESS READ

Cheating made bigger than it is: Gukesh

PRAGUE: World champion D Gukesh has categorically stated that the problems around cheating in chess are made to be bigger than its existence. "Obviously, I'm against any kind of unfair or unethical play," "It's a kind of problem that we have been seeing lately," Gukesh said.

Maha Open: Manas reaches quarterfinals

PUNE: Wildcard entrant Manas Dhamne entered the men's singles quarterfinals of the Maha Open ATP Challenger 75 meet here. Dhamne made it to the final eight after Belarus' Ilya Ivashka, who was once ranked in the top 50, retired from the contest due to an injury while he was trailing 3-6.

India post first victory in FIH Pro League

HOBART: The Indian men's hockey team ended a prolonged losing streak in the FIH Pro League, upstaging World No 3 Australia 3-1 in a shoot-out after both sides were locked 1-1 at the end of regulation time, here. India are currently placed eighth in the nine-team competition.

Haryana, Delhi and TN continue strong run

VADODARA: Haryana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu recorded big wins on the second day of the Senior National Men's Kabaddi Championship here on Wednesday. In Pool A, Haryana hammered Telangana 49-18 with Neeraj Narwal leading the team with 11 points.

CGH Earth Saha unveils Pollachi Riverhouse, a three-bedroom private pool villa in Tamil Nadu

Le Meridien Dehradun Resort and Spa, set along the serene Nun River in the Doon Valley, opens doors

LAKES THE PERFECT ESCAPE

Base yourself in Nainital and explore Kumaon's most beautiful still waters for a picture perfect early summer getaway...

ROMAL LAISRAM

DID you know that India has its own lake district? In the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand, nine lakes — five large and four small — shimmer amid evergreen forests, high Himalayan peaks, steep valleys and fast-flowing rivers. Many are steeped in Hindu mythology; others have evolved over time, their shapes and even names altered by shifting waters and encroaching land. Yet together they form a compelling circuit — one that makes for a near-perfect early summer escape. Base yourself in Nainital and set out to explore. With cool mountain air, clear mornings and rhododendrons still lingering in bloom, this is the season when Kumaon feels especially generous.

1 NAINITAL: THE CLASSIC HILL RETREAT

Cradled by wooded slopes and fed by freshwater streams from the upper reaches, Nainital Lake is bordered by three prominent peaks: Naina Peak to the north-west, Tiffin Top to the south-west and snow-capped summits to the north. The vegetation here — conifer forests and pine — gives the landscape its deep green character. Early summer days are ideal for yachting and boating on the lake, followed by leisurely strolls through town, browsing local markets as the sun dips behind the hills.

2 BHIMTAL: BIGGER, QUIETER, WILDER

Just 22 kilometres away lies Bhimtal, sitting at 1,370 metres and larger than its famous neighbour. Rich in aquatic life, the lake draws migratory birds during winter and retains a sense of calm even as temperatures rise elsewhere in the plains. An island restaurant sits at its centre, offering a charming pause mid-exploration. The town itself feels smaller and neater, dotted with delightful cafés — perfect for unhurried breakfasts with a mountain view.

3 SATTAL: SEVEN LAKES, ONE ECOSYSTEM

Around 25 kilometres from Nainital is Sattal, literally seven lakes: Hanuman, Ram, Sita, Lakshman, Bharat, Garuda and Nal Damyanti. All freshwater and interconnected, they form a rare and thriving ecosystem. Early summer is a wonderful time to walk the forested trails linking them, listening to birdsong and the gentle ripple of water flowing from one lake to the next.

4 NAUKUCHIATAL: THE LAKE OF NINE CORNERS

Small yet striking, Naukuchiatal — the 'lake of nine corners' — lies about four kilometres from Bhimtal. Associated in legend with Lord Brahma, it even has a temple dedicated to him. Deep and serene, it is popular for paragliding and birdwatching. On clear early summer days, the lake's unusual shape is best appreciated from above, whether from a hillside vantage point or mid-air.

5 KHURPATAL: EMERALD AND UNHURRIED

About 12 kilometres from Nainital, Khurpatal is an emerald-hued, trowel-shaped lake framed by pine and cedar forests and terraced fields. Less crowded and wonderfully peaceful, it is a haven for fishing, photography and long nature walks. If Nainital feels lively, Khurpatal offers restorative quiet.

6 MALUATAL: OFF THE MAP

Further away, 38 kilometres from Nainital, lies Maluatal (also known as Malwatal). Small, pristine and largely unexplored, it sits near a village of the same name. Its untouched charm and absence of tourist throngs make it particularly appealing for those seeking solitude and an authentic slice of Kumaoni rural life.

7-8 HARISHTAL & LOHAKAMTAL: WORTH THE TREK

Reaching Harishtal (97 kms) and Lohakamtal (115 kms) requires effort — there are no direct roads and one must trek to the villages that surround them. Harishtal, the larger of the two, is edged by terraced farms climbing the hillside. Their inaccessibility has preserved their pristine, pollution-free character. In early summer, when the days are clear and warm but not oppressive, the trek feels especially rewarding.

9 SUKHATAL: THE SEASONAL SURPRISE

Just two kilometres from Nainital Lake, Sukhatal was once called Khudariyatal before its waters were drained into the main lake. Today it reappears seasonally, offering a fleeting, quaint beauty — a reminder of the region's delicate hydrology.

Tourists at a lake

READY RECKONER

With the closest railhead at Kathgodam (37 kilometres from Nainital) and the nearest airport at Pantnagar (78 kilometres away), the Kumaon lake district is surprisingly accessible. Yet once you arrive, the bustle of the plains feels far removed. Stay at Brij Atmanya, Bhowali — equidistant from Nainital & Bhimtal.

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DAY'S DIARY

Death of Savarkar

Veer Savarkar, a prominent Indian freedom fighter and Hindutva ideologue, passed away, on this day in 1966, at the age of 82

INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

Savarkar was one of the most prominent revolutionary leaders in the early 20th century. He played a major role in the formation of the Hindu Mahasabha

COINING 'HINDUTVA'

In 1909, he was sentenced to life imprisonment and was sent to Cellular Jail in Andaman Islands, during which he coined the term 'Hindutva'

SACRIFICE

On February 1, 1966, Savarkar, believing his life mission is complete, declared he would sacrifice food, medicine and water until his death

Happenings in and around B'luru

PG 2

As the world goes bananas over baby macaque Punch, B'luru experts explain the potential reason for his abandonment and the science behind giving him an orange stuffed toy

PACKING A PUNCH!

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MAHIMA NAGARAJU

A tiny monkey cuddling an orange stuffed orangutan, tugging it along as he wanders his enclosure, seeking attention from other monkeys, only to be tossed around and screeched at. These visuals have taken over social media with people identifying with his loneliness and taking to the comments to 'aww' at the baby, jokingly (or not) plan to kidnap him from his misery and wonder how zookeepers could let the seven-month-old Japanese macaque, Punch, be 'bullied' this way.

Experts watching the events unfold say that at least a part of this can be explained by our tendency to anthropomorphise animals, pointing out that macaques' behaviours and social rules are different. "Monkeys live in a hierarchical social system that is xenophobic. They do not tolerate any other monkey coming into their group; the immediate tendency is to attack," says Mewa Singh, a wildlife biologist and professor at Mysore University.

Punch's ostracisation can partially be explained by his mother's abandonment, with this bond being crucial to macaques' social development. Asmita Sen Gupta, a research fellow, SM Sehgal Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation, ATREE, explains, "Infants spend about two months in constant maternal contact, where they absorb lessons about social cues and interactions. As they begin to explore their surroundings, their mother's supervision helps minimise the risks of erroneous behaviours. By the time they become juveniles, this equips them with the skills needed to navigate complex relationships." In the absence of this guidance, Punch has to figure everything out all on his own. There seems to be some hope for him yet, as a recent video showed him being hugged by another monkey. Some point out that there might be something about Punch's appearance, odour or behaviour that may be irking others.

But why would Punch's mother abandon him in the first place? While the zoo has said that part of the reason might be the high temperature when Punch was born last July, causing stress, experts point out that the answer may be complex and influenced by captivity, as wild macaques rarely abandon their young except in cases of death or forced separation. Primatologist Anindya Sinha says, "Often, you see these parental problems during early reproductive stages. Since this is her first child, she is depending entirely on her innate behavioural urges to make decisions."

Alongside hand-rearing the baby, giving him a stuffed toy for emotional comfort too, is not unusual; it's a longstanding part of caring for abandoned animals. Explaining the science behind giving Punch the toy, Sinha explains, "In the 1930s, primatologist Harry Harlow conducted experiments in which he forcibly removed infant macaques from their mothers. When they were offered a choice between a wire monkey 'mother' (with food) and a soft one (without food), they chose the soft one because the abandoned infant was looking for a substitute for the softness [and comfort] it would have been close to."

Will this virality have any positive outcomes for macaque conservation? Robin Darius Conz, a wildlife photographer who has worked on several documentaries for international wildlife channels, says 'no'. "I don't see much coming out of this in the long term, except people finding Punch cute and him becoming an attraction for the zoo. Japanese macaque areas are also highly tourist-populated. Even the macaques we have in India are habituated to people. We don't have a good track record of coexisting with animals, so I am worried someone may try to replicate the phenomenon and throw stuffed toys into enclosures."

You see these parental problems during early reproductive stages. Since this is her first child, she is depending entirely on her innate behavioural urges to make decisions

Anindya Sinha, primatologist

DESI PUNCH

While India does not have Japanese macaques, several other species are found here, macaques being the most common non-human species of primates in India. "Bonnet macaques are found across South India and Rhesus macaques in the North - these are the common ones we see at temples or on the roads. There are also Lion-Tailed macaques found in the Western Ghats, which are an endangered species." AV Surya Sen, the Executive Director of Bannerghatta Biological Park, points out. If anyone is curious to learn more about macaques, the biological park has a pair of lion-tailed macaques open for visitors to see. Recently, however, they've been seeing instances of macaques kept as pets in Bengaluru, rescued and brought to the biological park for rehabilitation.

Fashion designer Kristen John reveals the BTS of dressing Hanumankind for his recent city show

Dressing the 'Big Dawg'

Kristen John with Hanumankind

GARGI GUPTA

WHEN Hanumankind took the stage at an intimate performance in the city recently, reliving his days of being nurtured by Bengaluru's indie music scene and supported by his fans, his outfit reflected that ethos too. Styled by influencer and fashion designer Kristen John aka John D'Arte, the rapper donned custom-made baggy jeans and vest ensemble with a jacket to pull it all together.

John's path crossed with Hanumankind's in 2024, when he made a hand-painted jacket for him and wanted to present it in person at the Zomaland music festival. "Despite the post-show chaos, he came down to meet me. When I handed it to him, he was surprised. He asked, 'Can I keep this?' That humility stayed with me."

When John sent a congratulatory message to Hanumankind before his mega-concert in the city, it sparked discussions of a joint project for the show he was planning soon after. John shares, "Not only did he remember me, he had been following my work too. He invited us to his Home Run show, and I told him, 'Your next show – I'm styling you head to toe.'"

For the show's look, Hanumankind's brief to John was as simple as 'do your thing'. He translated Hanumankind's discography into fabric, painting his lyrics and iconic lines layered across the garment. John wanted to dress him like the 'coolest student' in the room. He adds, "If HMK walked into school, this is what he'd look like. Expressive, unapologetic. The pants became the statement piece where sticky notes elements were recreated using fabric panels, stitched, layered and placed deliberately to feel chaotic yet intentional. HMK specifically requested black and red as the base palette, so the foundation was dark with sharp red accents."

Sharing his creative process, John explains, "Moodboarding plays a crucial role. Fashion inspiration is everywhere, archives, street culture, music visuals and vintage references. The key is not just consuming it, but interpreting it through your lens."

In 2021, he had crafted a custom jacket as a birthday surprise for Kannada actor Kiccha Sudeep. This video garnered over 3.3 lakh views and brought with it visibility for John as 'the jacket guy'. Since then, he's grown by leaps and bounds with talks for a South Indian-inspired drop for HMK underway. Interpreted through a performance-driven lens, he wants to bring the lungi into the conversation not just as a costume, but as a statement. Something that is unmistakably South Indian while still carrying Hanumankind's global vision. On his radar next are icons who view fashion as an extension of their expression, including Ranveer Singh and Vijay Deverakonda.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**. Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

THE CORRECT ANSWERS

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FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

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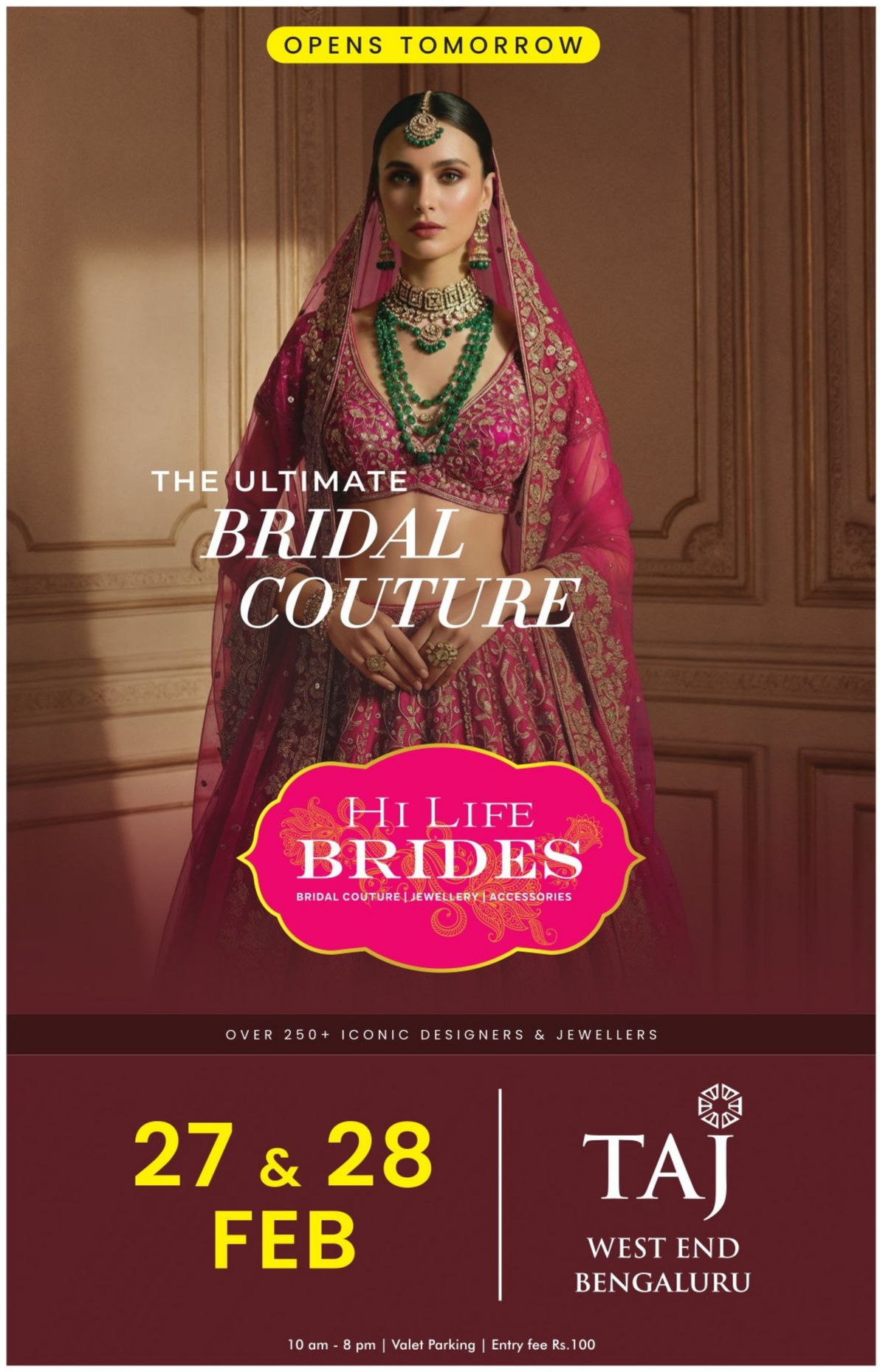

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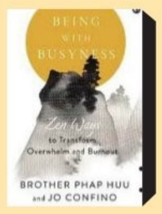
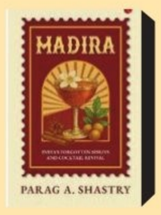


Being with Busyness: Zen Ways to Transform Overwhelm and Burnout

By Brother Phap Huu and Jo Confino

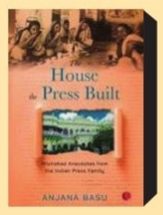
This book explores the modern diseases of overwhelm and burnout and how the power of deep rest, mindfulness, and compassion can help us when we run out of energy and inspiration.



Madira: India's Forgotten Spirits and Cocktail Revival

By Parag A Shastry

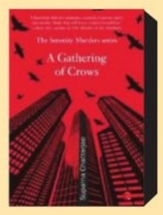
This cocktail book is a journey into India's forgotten and overlooked drinking heritage.



The House The Press Built: Allahabad Anecdotes from the Indian Press Family

By Anjana Basu

This is the story of Tagore's first publisher, Chintamoni Ghosh, who founded the Indian Press.



A Gathering of Crows: The Serenity Murders series

By Suparna Chatterjee

In a close-knit society with nosey neighbours, it is hard to keep a secret. And even harder to get away with murder. It takes a special kind of cunning to outsmart them all.

STAGE SPOTLIGHT

Artists from Kalagangotri theatre group perform the play *Money Ye Devaru* at Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road, as part of Honnaru Rangostava | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

SARDINE CUTLETS

INGREDIENTS

- **Sardines:** 2 cans
- **Onion:** 1 (finely chopped)
- **Ginger-garlic paste:** ¼ tsp
- **Curry leaves:** 8-10, chopped
- **Turmeric powder:** ¼ tsp
- **Garam masala:** ½ tsp
- **Breadcrumbs:** ½ cup
- **Chilli oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Green chillies:** 1-2, chopped
- **Coriander leaves:** 2 tbsp
- **Salt:** To taste
- **Red chilli powder:** ½ tsp
- **Black pepper:** ¼ tsp
- **Egg:** 1 (optional)

METHOD

- Heat chilli oil and lightly sauté onion, ginger, garlic, green chilli and curry leaves.
- Add sardines, breaking them gently, and mix in turmeric, red chilli, garam masala, pepper and salt.
- Stir in breadcrumbs, coriander, lemon juice and the egg, combining until the mixture holds together.
- Shape into small patties and chill for 30 minutes for better binding.
- Broil or pan-fry the patties on medium heat until golden on both sides.

Contributed by **Ron Dominic,** Alappuzha

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

What are the common mistakes one makes while structuring a home workout?

A well-built home session requires knowledge about structuring the workout which trainers can help with.

- Not increasing reps and adding variations is a mistake – there is no resistance, difficulty or intensity. Include progression in your workout.
- A proper warm-up is essential to increase the heart rate gradually, activate your key muscle groups, improve mobility in the tendons and joints.

ASK AN XPERT

- Skipping dynamic movements with controlled reps increases the risk of injuries and reduces performance.
- A sequence should include warm-ups, main strength movements, bringing in external resistance like barbells, gym balls, mini bands or resistance bands.
- If you're working out your upper body, you also need to work out your lower body.

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HOW TO INCREASE STAMINA: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR LONG-LASTING ENERGY

Stamina is the ability to sustain physical and mental effort over extended periods. It not only improves athletic performance but also enhances daily productivity, endurance and overall health. Building stamina requires a balanced combination of training methods, recovery and proper nutrition. With consistent effort and gradual progression, anyone can significantly improve endurance levels.

EFFECTIVE WAYS TO IMPROVE STAMINA

1. Prioritise compound exercises

- Focus on multi-joint movements such as squats, lunges, push-ups and pull-ups that activate multiple muscle groups.
- These exercises increase calorie burn, improve coordination and enhance cardiovascular efficiency, supporting overall stamina development.

2. Combine strength training and cardio

- Instead of separating workouts, integrate cardio and resistance exercises within the same session.
- Engaging multiple muscle groups challenges the cardiovascular system more effectively and helps build endurance faster.

3. Reduce rest intervals gradually

- Shorter rest periods between sets improve work capacity and endurance.
- Begin by slightly reducing recovery time and progress gradually to avoid excessive fatigue or injury.

4. Increase training volume over time

- Gradually increasing repetitions, sets, or total workload pushes the heart and lungs to adapt, improving stamina.
- Progressive overload should be implemented steadily to allow the body sufficient adaptation time.

5. Support mental endurance

- Activities such as meditation, breathing exercises and yoga enhance mental focus and resilience, helping sustain performance during challenging workouts.
- Improving stamina is a gradual process built on consistent training, progressive challenges, balanced nutrition and proper recovery.

By Abhishek K, fitness expert, cult — a fitness and wellness platform

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Rock On!

Enjoy timeless riffs and legendary anthems as Bengaluru-based classic rock tribute band Soul Smoke brings Classic Rock Wonders to life in a tribute to the golden era of rock. Watch a performance that captures the raw soul and spirit of bands that shaped generations.

WHEN: February 26, 9pm onwards
WHERE: Hard Rock Cafe, Shanthala Nagar
CALL: 80412 42222

Sharp Punchlines

Take your friends along and catch an evening of laughter and storytelling. Take a deep dive into the relatable absurdities of everyday life as comic Anirban Dasgupta brings dry wit and humour to the stage.

WHEN: February 27, 6pm onwards
WHERE: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Baked Goodies

Go on a hands-on baking journey as you craft your very own sponge cake from scratch. Step beyond and join the role of a baker in this workshop, designed for all ages and genders.

WHEN: February 26, 8pm onwards
WHERE: Fabrizo – Creative Art & Craft Lounge, BTM Layout
CALL: 73861 41621

Blasicity Watez

Witness a nuanced journey via a dramatic adaptation of the Oscar-winning film *Parasite*, which blends thrilling performances, interactive production design, and thought-provoking themes of class and pop culture, however struggles to be engaging and beginner-friendly.

WHEN: February 27, 9pm onwards, **WHERE:** Underline Theatre, Domlur
DETAILS: Prestige Centre for

Theatrical Displays

Catch *Omme Hennagu*, a theatrical adaptation of selected stories from Banu Mushtaq's *Heart Lamp*, which weaves four stories into a single narrative that questions the deep structures of patriarchy. Watch this all-women creative production and interact with the author herself.

WHEN: February 27, 6.30pm onwards
WHERE: Indian Heritage Academy, Koramangala
CALL: 63621 13989

Tune In

Experience an evening of attentive listening as drummer-composer Tarun Balani takes over for a curated vinyl session. Indulge in an immersive journey of selected records of jazz, ambient and experimental sound.

WHEN: February 26, 9pm onwards
WHERE: Middle Room, Shanti Nagar
CALL: 63649 42336

Bangla Flavours

Relish the flavours of Bengal at the 'The Royal Bengal Table' curated by Chef Suraj Thapa. Highlights include basanti pulao, beguni, nolen gurer payesh and many more.

WHEN: Until March 1, 12.30pm onwards
WHERE: Barbeque Nation, Sarjapur Road
CALL: 80690 28722

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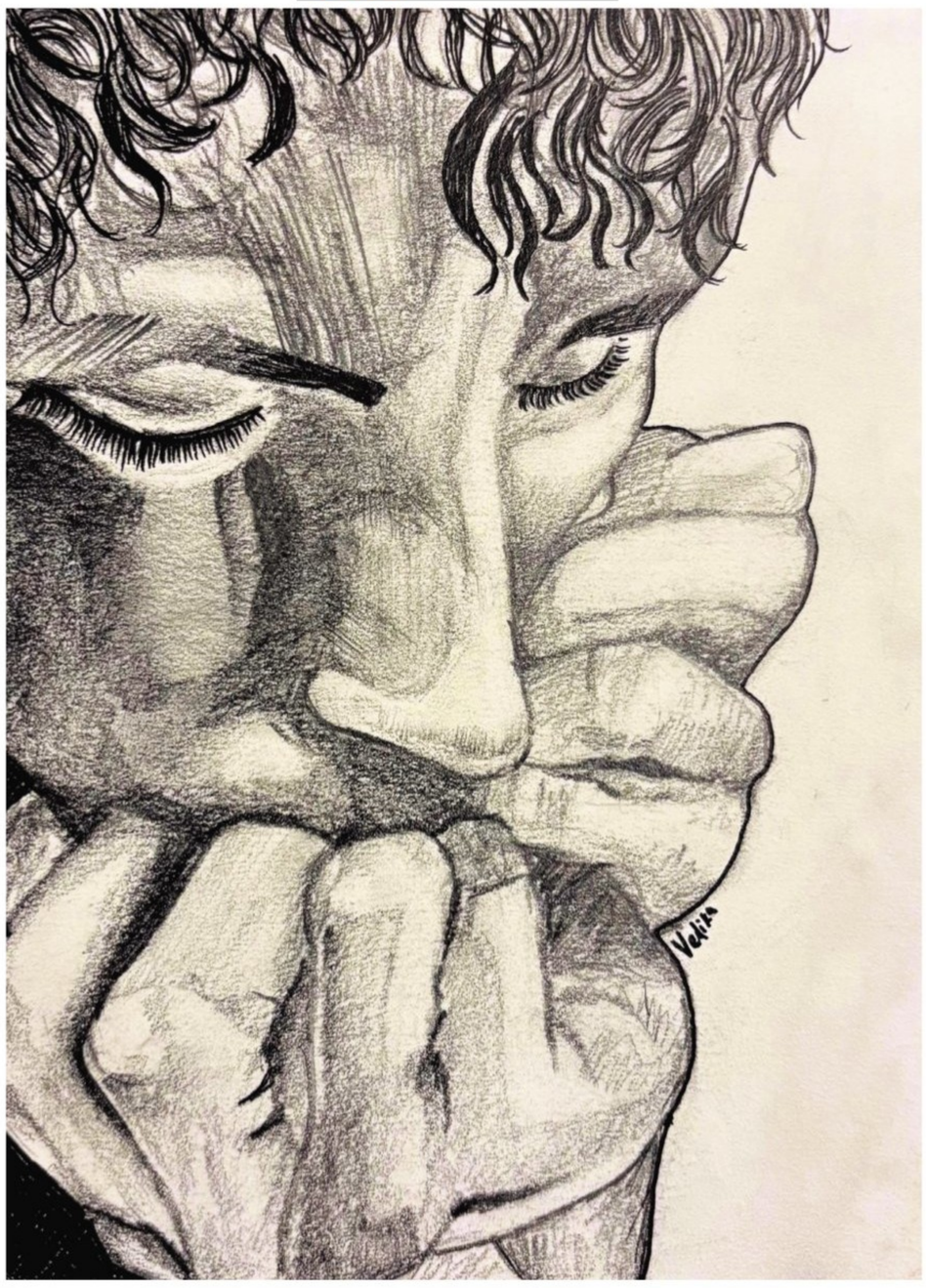

UNSETTLED

This sketch by Bengaluru artist Vedika Thorat depicts a man in deep thought, with worry subtly etched across his face

WHEN A MOUTH ULCER ISN'T BENIGN

Oral cancers progress silently, manifesting as minor sores. Thus, leading to late diagnosis and impacting outcomes

DR SARAVANA PERIYASWAMY

THE most challenging presentation is an oral lesion that appears benign. It is often mistaken for an ulcer but can be an early sign of oral cancer. Tongue cancer and other rare oral malignancies can resemble harmless sores, leading to delayed diagnosis and treatment, thus impacting the outcome.

Oral cancers, essentially squamous cell carcinomas of the oral cavity, progress silently, manifesting as a minor sore or ulcer, with patients assuming that it will heal on its own.

The most common cancer in men is oral cancer, followed by breast cancer in women. Estimates from screening data suggest that tens of thousands of new oral cancer cases are on the rise, often going undiagnosed due to late presentation, even during the advanced stages. These are majorly seen in middle-aged and older adults, including individuals who use tobacco consistently by smoking or chewing betel quid, adding a diagnostic complexity.

Warning signs:

- Persistence: Despite good oral hygiene, if the sore or ulcer does not heal in 2-3 weeks.
- Change in appearance: Erythroplakia (Red) and Leukoplakia (White) patches, including mixed lesions, present on the tongue or the oral mucosa. This essentially also includes ulcers with irregular and hard borders rather than having shallow bases.
- Enlargement of lymph nodes in the neckcan reflect regional spread, increasing the urgency to consult a doctor.

Additional symptoms:

- Tenderness in the mouth or consistent pain not caused by dental issues.
- Burning sensations in a particular region and bleeding.
- Difficulty in chewing, swallowing and moving the jaw.
- Unexplained loosening of teeth along with numbness.

Prevention of oral cancer needs a multi-tier approach, such as maintaining a balanced diet that includes fruits and vegetables rich in antioxidants, limited or complete avoidance of alcohol and complete abstinence from any tobacco. Regular oral care is essential since it helps detect precancerous lesions; routine dental screening for high-risk individuals helps.

When to consult a doctor:

- Constant feeling of pins and needles on the tongue and inner cheek.
- Slurring and change in voice without a throat infection.
- Consistent earaches without an infection.
- Excessive salivation or dry mouth.
- Loss of taste or metallic taste in the mouth.

Do not dismiss warning signs until they have advanced to being untreatable. Proactive screening, prevention and patient awareness can help reduce the risk. If caught early, oral cancer can be treated.

(The writer is a director and senior consultant, surgical oncology)

The Great Slip Disc Misunderstanding

OVER TIME, POOR POSTURE, REPETITIVE STRAIN OR THE NATURAL WEAR OF AGEING CAN WEAKEN DISCS

DR TEJUS M N RAO

IN everyday conversation, the term 'slipped disc' often triggers the mind jumping to a vivid image of a spinal disc sliding out of place, like a coin from a stack. It's striking, but medically, not what happens. A slip disk, or herniated or prolapsed intervertebral disc, occurs when part of the inner core of a spinal disc pushes through a weakened area of its outer layer. It's not something slipping out, but tissue bulging and pressing nearby nerves.

The spine is one of the body's most complex structures, a column of 33 vertebrae cushioned by discs that act as shock absorbers. Each disc has two parts: a tough outer ring and a soft, gel-like centre. They keep the spine flexible, absorb impact and maintain balance.

Over time, poor posture, repetitive strain, or the natural wear of ageing can weaken these discs. When the inner gel pushes through a tear in the outer ring, it irritates nearby nerves, causing pain, numbness or weakness in the back, neck or limbs.

The Indian Context:

Urban India is seeing a rise in disc-related spine problems, particularly among younger professionals. A study from southern India found that nearly 60 per cent of patients with disc-related issues were under 45 years old. The trend is evident in places like Bengaluru, where people spend a lot of time at desks, have lengthy commutes, and use poorly designed workstations. Many ignore or self-medicate early pain, turning a minor injury into a chronic condition.

The Slippery Slope

Scrolling through social media, you'll see dozens of videos promising instant relief for back pain through chiropractic-style twists and cracks. They can create viral content, but can be dangerous when performed without medical understanding – injuring ligaments, inflaming nerves or worsening herniation. Massages at local spas or salons, sold as cures for 'locked backs', can do more harm than good. Painkillers and balms may give temporary relief, but they don't address the root problem. Even exercise can be aggravating if done wrong.

Precision of Modern Imaging

MRI scans give doctors a clear picture of the disc, spinal cord and nerves, helping determine whether the herniation is mild, moderate or severe and how best to treat it. Not every case needs surgery. Nearly 80 per cent of patients improve with non-surgical treatments. The key is identifying the exact cause and tailoring the treatment for each.

Treatment

Most recover with guided physiotherapy, posture correction, anti-inflammatory medication and core strengthening. Rest helps with acute pain, but movement under professional guidance restores long-term stability. A few cases can be managed at home, following medically approved techniques. If pain persists or compression becomes severe, advanced options like microdiscectomy or endoscopic discectomy can remove the fragment through tiny incisions.

(The writer is a senior consultant neurosurgeon, Kauvery Hospitals, B'luru)

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CHANGE OF NAME
I JAIRAM, son of BALSUBRAMANIAN Flat No.008, 1st Floor, B-Block, Sri Nandana Neo, Hulimangala Road, Electronic City Post, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560100 have changed my name to JAIRAM BALASUBRAMANIAN for all purposes.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHULEKHA SHARMA** dependents of AKASH SHARMA resident of No. E-142 Gunjan Vihar, Barra, Kanpur Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-208027 have changed by Name from **SHULEKHA SHARMA** to **SULEKHA SHARMA** vide affidvite dated 23.02.2026 before Notary Chandrakala.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, 14391563A, Ex-Naik, **S VADIVELU,** residing at #257, 7th Main, 8th Cross,M.V.Garden, Bengaluru North, HAL II Stage, Bengaluru 560008, have changed the name of my daughter from **SWATA PALLAVI V** to **SHWETHA PALLAVI V S**, vide Affidavit Dated: 24/02/2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAKASH BHEEMARAO**, S/o N. Bheemarao, Aged about 55 years, residing at No. 526/3, Sri Anantheshwara Nilaya, 6th Main, Maruthi Layout, Near Kanakapura Tent House, Vasanthapura, Subramanyapura Post, Bengaluru - 560 061, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAKASHA BHEEMARAO** to **PRAKASH BHEEMARAO** vide affidavit dated 24.02.2026 sworn before Aruna .V, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHINMAYA S KUDARI (CHINMAYA SATYANARAYAN KUDARI,** aged about 35 years, S/o. Satyanarayan Sankkappa Kudari, No. 181/E/26, Ward, No. 1 Joshigalli Ilkal, Bagalkot-587125, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHINMAYA SATYANARAN KUDARI** to **CHINMAYA S KUDARI (CHINMAYA SATYANARAYAN KUDARI,** vide affidavit dated 25.02.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

NOTIFICATION
I, **VIDYA SITARAMCHARYA ALUR @ RADHA JOSHI,** W/o **KRISHTACHARI JOSHI,** R/o: Brahmin Street, Near Post Office, Sirwar, Tq: Sirwar, Dist: Raichur, hereby declare that my names **VIDYA SITARAMCHARYA ALUR & RADHA JOSHI** are one and the same names which belongs to myself only. In future I use my name as **RADHA JOSHI** only. Vide affidavit dated: 05-12-2025, sworn before Notary Sharanabasappa, Manvi.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **APITHA RAGHUNATHAN D/o Raghunathan. K, residing in # 88, 5th Cross, 1st Main Road, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560072, have changed my name from APITHA BHAT to APITHA RAGHUNATHAN** vide affidavit dated 14th January, 2026 (14-01-2026) before Advocate and Notary Deepa. M, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I,**Karen Jacintha Sumitra** (Old Name), D/o Vincent Paric Sumitra, R/at. C/o. Amitha Theodore Challa, No. 124, Laksandra Layout, 7th Main Road, Wilson Garden , Bangalore South, P.O. Adugodi, Bengaluru - 560 030 have changed my name as **KAREN SUMITRA CHALLA** (New Name) vide affidavit dated 17.02.2026 sworn before B. Chitra , Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ASHA RANI** (New Name) previously called **ASHA RANI..V.** (Old Name), aged about 47 years, W/o. Subramani.T, R/at. No. A-109, 1st Floor, Nava Gokulam Apartments, 3rd Block, 2nd-A- Street, Near St. Vincent Palloti School, Divya Unnathi Layout, Horamavu Agara, Hennur Gardens, Bengaluru North, Kalyananagar Post, Bengaluru-560 043. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'ASHA RANI..V.'** to **'ASHA RANI'**, Vide Affidavit dated 24.02.2026, Sworn before Advocate and Notary L. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOVIND BHAT ABHYANKAR,** S/o Late Ramakrishna Bhat Abhyankar, age 60 years, R/at Flat No. 51214, Prestige Falcon City, Kanakapura Road, Konanakunte Cross, Anjanadri Layout, Doddakallasandra, Bangalore-560 062 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GOVIND BHAT P** (old name) to **GOVIND BHAT ABHYANKAR** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **GOVIND BHAT ABHYANKAR** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25th Feb 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.K. RAMESHAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAEEMA ABDUL SHAKOOR TONSE**, D/o. Late Abdul Shakoor, Aged about 43 years, Residing at No. 582/B, 4th Block, 1st Stage, Opp. Sai Suma Apartment, HBR Layout, Kalyananagar, Bangalore - 560 043, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAEEMA ABDUL SHAKOOR TONSE** to **NAEEMA TONSE** vide affidavit dated 24.02.2026 sworn before A. Prabhakar, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, REENAMARI, D/o. Ranjan, residing at #14, Grace Cottage, 1st Main Road, Muniswamappa Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru 560032, have changed my name to **REENA MARY R** vide Affidavit dated: 25/02/2026, sworn before Notary GANGARAJU B N, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HANISH VERMA L,** aged about 24 years, S/o **Laxman Verma,** & **Pooja Verma,** residing at No.2, 5th Main Road, Opp. Veeresh Convention Hall, Kaveripura, Kamakshipalya, Basaveshwarnagar, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my name From **HANISH VERMA** to **HANISH VERMA L.** vide affidavit dated: 25/2/2026 Before Notary **M.K. Devaki** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UMESHA.K** (Old Name) aged about 47 years S/o **Krishnappa** resident of No-70th Ward, Reddy Pete, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural-562110, have changed my name to **UMESH.K** (New Name) Vide affidavit dated: 25/2/2026 Before Notary **A Narayanaswamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARUN KUMAR H S** S/o Late Sampath H R Residing at MIG 132, 2nd Stage, 80 Feet Road, KHB Colony, Basaveshwara Nagara, Bengaluru-560079. Hereby solemnly declare that my minor daughter's name is as per Aadhar card and other documents her name is **SAMBRAMA .A** but in her school documents it is mentioned as **KU SAMBRAMA.A.** request the concerned authorities to the necessary changes vide affidavit dated.25.0.2026 sworn to before Notary, **Roopashree**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJAYA KUMAR H R,** AGED 46 YEARS, SON OF SHRI.REVANA SIDDAPPA H S, RESIDING AT FLAT #26136, BLDG 2,TOWER 6, PRESTIGE JINDAL CITY, TUMKUR ROAD, NEAR CHIKKABIDARAKALLU METRO STATION, ANCHEPALYA, NAGASANDRA POST, BENGALURU NORTH, BENGALURU560073, KARNATAKA, INDIA, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM MY OLD NAME **VIJAYA KUMARA H R** TO MY NEW NAME **"VIJAYA KUMAR H R"** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED: 25/02/2026 DULY SWORN TO BEFORE **SRI. RAMASANJEEVAIAH. K. V.,** ADVOCATE & NOTARY PUBLIC,GOVT. OF INDIA, BANGALORE.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANTONY CHANDY DOUGLAS NJAVALLIL,** S/o Joseph Douglas Antony, aged about 22 years, R/a No.B-312, Century Park Apartment, Opposite Karnataka Housing Corporation, Richmond Road, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru-560025, have changed my name to **ANTONY CHANDY DOUGLAS** vide affidavit dt. 24/02/2026 before Notary **A. GERARD,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **Mrs. EMILY MONDAL,** W/o Sanjeev Kumar Mandal, resident of # Radiant Lotus Apartment, #122, 1st Floor, Kodichikkanahalli, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560076, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **EMILY MANDAL** to **EMILY MONDAL** vide affidavit dated 25.02.2026 sworn before Swarnamala Jain, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANANYA RAKESHA**, aged about 18 years, D/o. Rakesha Mankale Shivananda, FF 102, Vasupradha Apartments 7th B Main Road, Narayana Nagar 3rd Block, Doddakallasandra, Bengaluru-560062, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ANANYA MANKALE RAKESHA** to **ANANYA RAKESHA** vide affidavit dated 25.02.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOULA.P** S/o **Pyarajan.** aged about 48 years resident of No-79, 4th Ward, Maseedi Road, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural-562110, That my father's name is wrongly mentioned as **PYARUJAAN.S.** in my Passport, but my father's correct name is **PYARAJAN** Vide affidavit dated: 25/2/2026 Before Notary Notary **A. Narayanaswamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHANDRASHEKHAR HIREMATH (DOB: 02-08-1979) S/o Basavaraj Hiremath, Resident of B-1305, B Tower, Trend squares Ortus-3, Lakshmi Narayana Temple Road, Near Rachenahalli Lake, Balaji Layout, Amrutahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560092, have changed my name from CHANDRASHEKHAR HIREMATH to CHANDRASHEKHAR BASAVARAJ HIREMATH** vide Affidavit Dated: 24-02-2026, sworn to before Notary Public G.P CHAYA Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SUSHMA BALAJI RAO AVANTHKAR, W/o Balaji Rao, aged about 49 years, Residing at Flat No. 102, Ground Floor, Gurram's Anjali Residency, Plot No.6, 1st Main Road, Defence Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru - 560097, declare that in my passport my husband name mentioned as BALAJI RAO SRINIVASA instead of BALAJI RAO, change my husband name in my passport as **BALAJI RAO**, vide affidavit dated 24/2/2026 sworn to before Fahim Unnisa Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VRISHANK VISHNU SHEKAR MAYANNANAVAR,** S/o Shekar Guruvappa Mayannanavar, R/at Vasupradha Heights, G003, 5th Cross Road, ITI Layout, Katriguppe, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560 085 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **UJWAL SHEKAR MAYANNANAVAR** to **VRISHANK VISHNU SHEKAR MAYANNANAVAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **VRISHANK VISHNU SHEKAR MAYANNANAVAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23rd Feb 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.N. MADHU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JOSEPH DOUGLAS ANTONY NJAVALLIL,** S/o Antony Joseph, aged about 65 years, R/a No.B-312, Century Park Apartment, Opposite Karnataka Housing Corporation, Richmond Road, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru-560025 have changed my name to **JOSEPH DOUGLAS ANTONY,** vide affidavit dt. 25/02/2026 before Notary **A. Gerard,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOPAN VIJAYAN NAIR,** S/o Sri. K.G.Vijayan Nair, Aged about 54 years, residing at #225, Bellezea, Dommasandra Chandapura Road, Muthanallur, Bengaluru-560099, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **GOPAN VIJAYAN NAIR** and **GOPAN VIJAYAN NAIR PADMAKUMARI** belongs to one and the same person and that is myself. Hereinafter my name should be entered as **GOPAN VIJAYAN NAIR** in all future correspondence, vide affidavit dated 25.02.2026 sworn to before H.H. Nagaraju, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHETANA INCHAL,** W/o. Ashwinikumar Karki, D/o Suranaik M Inchal, aged about 35 years, presently residing at Flat No. 201, Sai Sunrise Apartment, Immadihalli Main Road, Near Karimariyamma Temple, Immadihalli, Whitefield, Bangalore-560066, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHETANA ASHWINIKUMAR KARKI** to **CHETANA INCHAL** pertains to me only, vide affidavit dated 24.02.2026, sworn to before Prakasha .C, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SAAGAR AUTI** S/o **VISHNU SAVLERAM AUTI** R/at A2 504 Provident Welworth City Doddaballapur Main Road Marasandra Bengaluru Rural -562163 have changed my name to **SAAGAR VISHNU AUTI** Vide affidavit dated: 25/2/2026 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DANIEL NITIN,** Aged about 29 years, S/o. Paul Manuel, Residing at T-302 T Square Clara, 210/2 BDS Gardens Geddalahalli Village Bengaluru North Shivarama Karanth Nagar Bengaluru 560077 have changed my name from **DANIEL NITIN PAUL to DANIEL NITIN** vide Affidavit dated 25-02-2026, sworn before Advocate & Notary Uday Kumar .K, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RIYAZ KHAN FAYAZ KHAN S/o FAYAZ KHAN age about 42 years, doing BUSINESS and resident of No.1166, 4th CROSS, 7th-MIAN ROAD RAJENDRA NAGAR, KORAMANGALA, VIVEK NAGAR, BANGALORE SOUTH, BENGALURU - 560047, have changed my name from **RIYAZ KHAN to RIYAZ KHAN FAYAZ KHAN**, vide affidavit dated 19/2/2026 sworn to before R S Vijay Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. RAMAIAH VIJAYA**, W/o Late Ramaiah, age 74 years, R/at #133, 4th Main, 4th Cross, Gourav Nagar, J.P. Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore-560 078 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **Mrs. VIJAYA** and **Mrs. RAMAIAH VIJAYA** are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 25th February 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RITTY DOUGLAS NJAVALLIL,** W/o Joseph Douglas Antony, aged about 60 years, R/a No. B-312, Century Park Apartment, Opposite Karnataka Housing Corporation, Richmond Road, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru-560025 have changed my name to **RITTY DOUGLAS**, vide affidavit dt.25/02/2026 before Notary **A. Gerard,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRITHVI B** son of **BHEEMANNA SHETTY** aged 40 years, Residing at No. 28, Ward No. 22, Ashirwada Nilaya, Gare Ravi Layout, Baichapura Road, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District - 562 110, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRITHVI B** to **PRITHVI B SHETTY** vide affidavit dated 29.01.2026 sworn to before S.P. Gandhi, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, B M VISHWANATH, residing at #303, 3rd Floor, Paras Krishna Shree Apartment, Jayanna Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru 560098, have changed the name of my daughter from **HITHA VISHWANATH to HITHA VISHWANATH SHAH** vide Affidavit Dated: 25/02/2026 sworn before Notary MEER HASSAN, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRATHWIK (DOB: 23-07-2002) S/o Mr. Chandrashekhar Acharya Resident of : #2-57, Vishwabrhmanapura, Vakwadi, Kundapura, Udupi, Karnataka-576257, have changed my name from PRATHWIK to PRATHWIK ACHARYA** vide Affidavit Dated: 24-02-2026, sworn to before Notary Public G.P CHAYA Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DEVARAJU B. V. Son of Brahmaiah Vipuri. Aged 39 years, residing at # 22, 2nd cross, Vallabha Nagar, Opp Max show room, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061 have changed my name from BHARADWAJ DAYANIDHI to DEVARAJU B. V.** vide Affidavit Dated: 24-02-2026, sworn to before Advocate and Notary Public K.V. Mani, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ANJANAPPA R, S/o Mr. Ramaiah, residing at No.11, S.G.Palya, C.V.Raman Nagar Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560093, I declare that below mentioned all names **ANJANAPPA R, ANJANAPPA** and **ANJINAPPA** belongs to me only and one and the same person's names only, vide affidavit dated 25/2/2026 sworn to before A R Muneer Ahmed Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUBHASH KUMAR JAWAHARLALJI JAIN BAGRECHA,** S/o C Jawaharlal Jain age 54 years, R/at # 6-3, Shree Apartment, 2nd Floor, Krishan Road Cross, Vasavi Vidyaniketana Road, Basavanagudi Head Post Office, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004 do hereby declare that all the names i.e. **SUBHASH KUMAR J, SUBHASH KUMAR JAWAHARLALJI JAIN BAGRECHA, SUBHASH KUMAR JAIN, SUBHASH KUMAR, SUBHASH KUMAR J JAIN, SUBHAS KUMAR BAGRECHA** belongs to one and the same person i.e. myself, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUBHASH KUMAR JAWAHARLALJI JAIN BAGRECHA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23rd Feb. 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRATHEEPA R,** W/o Gopinath Radhakrishnan, aged about 43 years, R/a No.34, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, Lakshmi Layout, Munnekolala, Bengaluru-560037 have changed my name to **PRATHEEPA GOPINATH,** vide affidavit dt. 25/02/2026 before Notary **L. Gopalakrishna,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJETA BHIMAPPA KAKI** wife of **PRITHVI B,** aged 30 years, Residing at No. 28, Ward No. 22, Ashirwada Nilaya, Gare Ravi Layout, Baichapura Road, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District - 562 110, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VIJETA BHIMAPPA KAKI** to **VIJETA PRITHVI SHETTY** vide affidavit dated 29.01.2026 sworn to before S.P. Gandhi, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANITA MOHAN**, resident of No.62, 2nd Cross, 2nd stage, Mico Layout, Arekere, Bengaluru 560076 have changed my name to **ANITA BILMARANAHALLI RANGIAH** vide affidavit dated: 25/2/2026 Before Notary **Mohammed Hussain. K** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJASHEKAR.K.M,** aged about 45 years resident of #158-B, Jalapathi Road,Near New Bus Stand, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural- 562110, That my Wife's name is wrongly mentioned as **SHOBHA RAJASHEKAR** in my passport, but my Wife's correct name is **SHOBHA.G.** Vide affidavit dated: 25/2/2026 Before Notary Notary **A Narayanaswamy** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARUN SAMUEL DAVID,** Aged about 40 years, S/o. Anandan D, residing at No 1/1, MF BDA Flats, 3rd Cross, HAL 3rd Stage, Bengaluru North Bengaluru, Karnataka 560075 have changed my name from **ARUN SAMUEL DAVID ANANDAN to ARUN SAMUEL DAVID** vide Affidavit dated 24-02-2026, sworn before Advocate & Notary Uday Kumar .K, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JYOTHI PRAKASH,** S/o Kodaiah, age 23 years, R/at No. 21, Kanakapura Main Road, Behind Khodays Call Center, Munirama Layout, Vajarahalli, Bengaluru-560 062 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JYOTHI PRAKASH** to **JAI PRAKASH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **JAI PRAKASH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 23-02-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R.S. VIJAY** at Bangalore.

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Gowrav Shetty, Shwetha and Gilla Nata

Every character moves the narrative in *Super Hit*

CE FEATURES

NATARAJ, known as Gilli Nata, is the talk of the town after winning Bigg Boss Kannada season 12. This week, he faces one of his first big challenges on the screen with *Super Hit*, which also stars Gowrav Shetty and Shwetha in key roles.

Gilli doesn't take credit for his popularity after the Bigg Boss victory. He, in fact, doesn't even claim a share, but hands it out completely to the Kannada-speaking people. "Everything is because of people," he says, highlighting the support he received from not only fans. "Even several politicians, farmers, soldiers, and Kannadigas living outside the state have supported me," he says, mentioning that encouragement from celebrities like Shivarajkumar and Sudeep boosted his confidence during a crucial time. Gowrav Shetty, however, is careful not to label

A still from the film

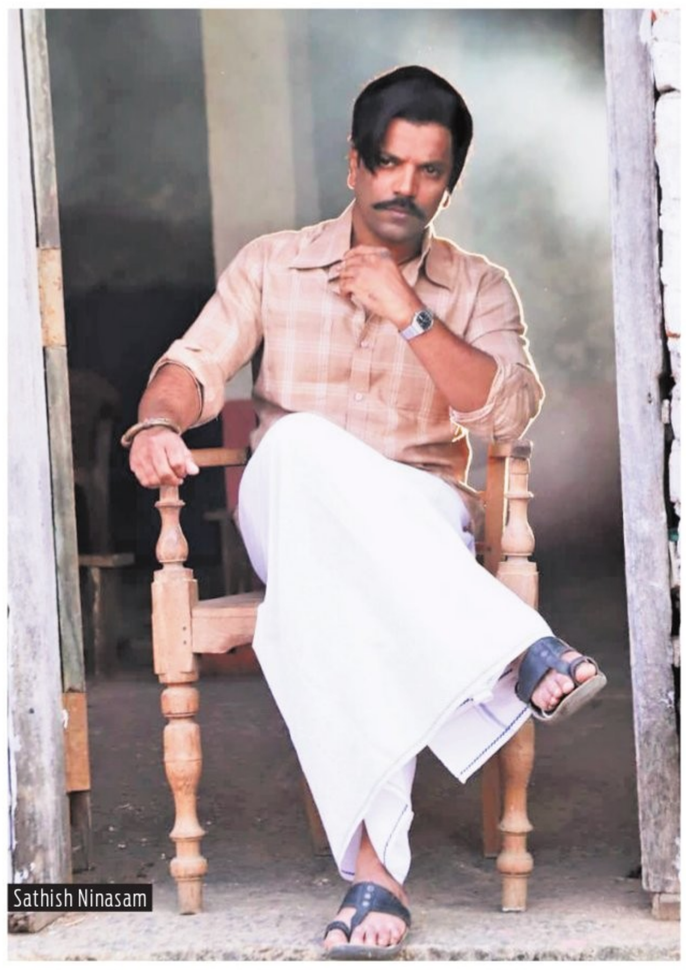
Gilli as an overnight sensation. He notes that they both started with short films and gradually increased their visibility. "Gilli, like me, started small and carried that recognition forward. Even while we were shooting in different parts of Karnataka, people were excited to see him. The persona audiences saw on Bigg Boss is very much what we experienced on set," he explains. He adds that the crowds and their reactions strengthened the team's belief in the film.

Although he is aware that Gilli will get the lion's share of the audience's attention in this film, Gowrav says the film will move along with the three actors, including Gilli. "The film connects all three of us: Gilli, Shwetha, and me. Unlike the typical hero-heroine setup, this story involves all its characters together. All three characters propel the narrative. This is no run-of-the-mill love story. What we wish is that the audience should come, watch the film, and help make it a success. When the film succeeds, the producer wins, theatres get visitors, and new talent has a chance," he says with a lot of hope. Shwetha, who also has experience in filmmaking, shares that she was eager to be a part of a full comedy. "Comedy is the mainstay for Gowrav and Gilli, so for me, it was a new experience. Cinema requires a different style of acting, and I credit director Vijayanand for assembling the right mix of actors," she notes.

The trio believes the situational narrative will offer laughter, surprises, and a lineup of performers known for their comedic timing, including Sadhu Kokila, Tennis Krishna, Kari Subbu, Dragon Manju, and Pramod Shetty. With its collective energy and humour-driven situations, the team is confident that the film will stand out as a complete paisa-vasool entertainer.

My hunger for cinema has grown post *The Rise of Ashoka*: Sathish Ninasam

As the film gears up for release this week, the actor opens up about commitment, risk and the long road behind the ambitious period drama


Sathish Ninasam

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AFTER a long stretch of persistence and hard lessons, Ninasam Sathish says he feels he is stepping into a new phase, with his ambitious film, *The Rise of Ashoka,* releasing this week. "In cinema, you accept both appreciation and disappointment. You give your honest effort, but the result is never in your hands. Victories and failures are inevitable. You put in your effort, but the outcome isn't always in your control. Still, I carry a strong belief in this film," he says.

That belief, he explains, translated into total commitment. Sathish reveals he poured in his time, energy and finances, even turning down several acting offers to stay immersed in the film's development. "From script discussions to technical decisions, the process demanded my full attention," he says, further adding that the story, written by TK Dayanand, required a collaborative approach and that he became closely involved in shaping the film's grounded tone.

Ambition also drove the decision to release the film beyond Kannada. Sathish recalls how the idea drew scepticism. "Before Yash took *KGF* nationwide, nobody spoke about scale like this. When I said I would take *The Rise of Ashoka* to Tamil and Telugu audiences, some thought I had lost it. Maybe I have. It is a beautiful madness for cinema," he says, adding that interest from distributors across markets and Karnataka distribution by KVN Productions strengthened his confidence in the project.

The road to release, however, was not without challenges, including the passing of director Vinod Dhondale and multiple production hurdles. "There were moments people assumed the film would never see the light of day. We treated every obstacle as a challenge," says Sathish, who prefers to keep the struggles private and let the finished film speak.

Set in the 1970s, the film follows the journey of a rebellious young man surviving through conflicts. Sathish insists he is only the face of the narrative. "The real hero is the story," he says, while praising co-actor Sapthami Gowda, whom he calls an equal emotional anchor.

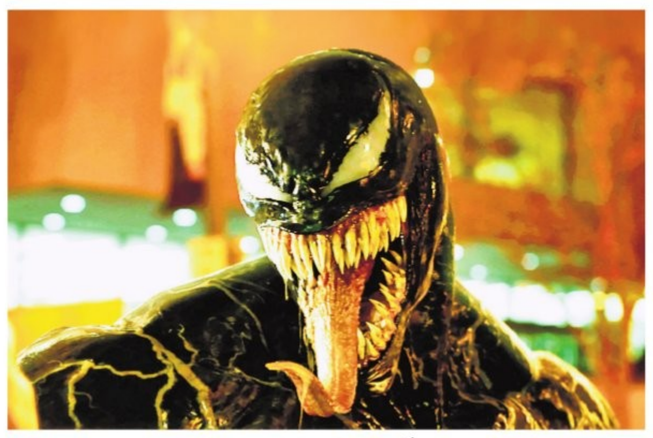
With music by Poornachandra Tejaswi and a seasoned ensemble, Sathish hopes the film becomes a proud addition to Kannada cinema and a platform that brings wider recognition to its many collaborators.

A still from the film

Substance is my only filter: Sapthami Gowda

For audiences who first noticed her earthy presence in *Kantara*, actor Sapthami Gowda returns to familiar terrain with *The Rise of Ashoka*. Set in the 1970s, the village drama is headlined by Ninasam Sathish. The character is different, she says. This time, she plays Ambika, a flower seller who has studied till the 10th standard, a woman whose quiet resolve shapes the emotional spine of the story. "Ambika moves with the situation life brings her. Her strength is in the choices she makes," Sapthami says, noting that the film places the heroine on equal footing with the hero. According to her, the narrative hinges on how Ambika's decisions and sacrifices gradually build Ashoka's confidence, creating a relationship dynamic rooted in mutual growth. She hints at an emotionally charged stretch around the interval and a powerful climax, moments she believes carry the character and the film's core. Sapthami says slipping into the rural milieu felt instinctive rather than studied. "I grew up watching village festivities, and even today many places are not fully modernised, so I didn't feel like an outsider," she explains, adding that the social system explored in the film offered something new to engage with. Known for choosing roles that feel fresh, she maintains that substance remains her only criterion. "I can be at the forefront, but the character must have depth. Irrespective of modern or rural, a film should feel relevant to the audience," she says. Up next, she will share screen space with Dhananjay in Halagali, continuing to be part of the subject, where rooted narratives meet newer emotional notes. Substance is my only filter," she concludes.

Sapthami Gowda



Sony to reboot *Spider-Man Universe*

CE FEATURES

WITH sequels to *Madame Web, Morbius* and *Kraven the Hunter* put on indefinite hold, Sony is preparing to reboot its live-action *Spider-Man* universe. Tom Rothman, chairman and CEO of Sony Pictures, has confirmed that the studio intends to relaunch the franchise with a "fresh reboot" following a run of underwhelming theatrical performances. While *Venom* was a commercial success, earning $856 million worldwide, subsequent titles struggled.

Morbius closed its run at $162 million globally, *Madame Web* managed around $100 million, and *Kraven the Hunter* fared even worse with roughly $60 million against a reported budget exceeding $100 million.

Jared Harris joins *What Happens At Night*

CE FEATURES

MARTIN Scorsese's *What Happens At Night* is expanding its cast as Jared Harris has joined the cast. He will star alongside Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence in the upcoming film from Apple Studios and StudioCanal. The cast also features Patricia Clarkson and Mads Mikkelsen in key roles.

Scorsese is directing the film based on Peter Cameron's novel of the same name with a screenplay from Patrick Marber. The film follows a couple (DiCaprio and Lawrence) who travel to a small and frigid European town to adopt a child. They decide to adopt as the wife is desperate to have a child, but she cannot conceive as she suffers from cancer.

Selvin Desai, Bimbika J Rao, and Ahan Gowda

Tractor driver Selvin Desai leads *Devasasya*

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

SELVIN DESAI, a tractor driver from the Siddi community, takes the spotlight as the lead in *Devasasya*, a film that highlights both his journey and his culture. Set in the forest regions near Sirsi, the film examines the traditions, practices, and daily lives of the Siddi people, building its narrative around a rare and mystical plant believed to have healing properties.

Directed by Karthik Bhat, the project aims to bring a lesser-known cultural landscape to mainstream cinema. Selvin, who had never acted before, spent nearly two years preparing for the role, and his shift from a working-class life to becoming a film protagonist stands out as one of the film's key highlights. Produced by Ananthamurthy M Hegde under Ananth Films, the story is set in 1995 and moves between two villages, portraying community dynamics and conflicts. To authentically recreate the period, the team built a detailed village set and shot for 93 days, completing the final schedule at Puttanna Kanagal Studio. The ensemble cast also includes Prakash Belawadi, Pramod Shetty, Ayyappa Sharma, and Geetha Siddi. On the technical front, the film has stunt coordination by Mithun Singh of *Kantara*-fame. It is worth noting that the film employed over 150 Siddi artists.

Andrew Scott to star in Walk the *Blue Fields*

CE FEATURES

EMILY Blunt-starrer *Walk the Blue Fields*, is expanding its cast with Andrew Scott, Ciaran Hinds, and Tom Cullen. John Crowley, who recently helmed *We Live in Time* (2024), which stars Andrew Garfield and Florence Pugh, is directing the drama.

Crowley is directing the film from a script by Conor McPherson, who is adapting Claire Keegan's short story of the same name. *Walk the Blue Fields* centres on a woman who has to confront a love triangle from her past, which resurfaces on her wedding day. Blunt is producing the film under the Ledbury Productions banner. Scott, last seen in *Wake Up Dead Man*, will also be seen alongside Brendan Fraser in *Pressure*.